



Senator Louis DiPalma, Chair
Senate Committee on Finance
Rhode Island Senate

May 12th, 2026

RE: Green Energy Consumers Alliance Supports Senate Bill 3272.

Dear Chair DiPalma and members of the committee,

On behalf of Green Energy Consumers Alliance and our thousands of members across Rhode Island, **I write in strong support of Senate Bill 3272** which adjusts the compensation structure for net metering projects and the maximum capacity of virtual net metering projects.

Solar deployment is crucial for the Act on Climate

Deployment of large-scale solar projects is critical for the state to meet the mandates in the Act on Climate. This bill proposes an equitable compensation rate structure that ensures developers of utility scale solar projects have a dependable contract for their projects for a lifetime of 30 years.

Virtual net metering (VNM) projects not only support renewable energy deployment in the state, but entities like hospitals, municipalities, and educational institutions can receive VNM contracts with a solar developer and receive discounted electricity as a result of these projects. That creates real energy savings for Rhode Islanders, helping to both deploy clean energy and reduce energy costs.

To achieve the requirements of an Act on Climate, Rhode Island must remain committed to the renewable energy policies that have been developed over many years through stakeholder engagement. This bill would send a signal that Rhode Island is a market open to growth in the solar industry and committed to those working in the state supporting local renewable energy, improved air quality, and jobs here.

We thank Chair DiPalma for introducing this important legislation and urge passage.

Sincerely,

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