



May 12, 2026

The Honorable Senator Louis P. DiPalma, Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
Rhode Island State Senate  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

RE: SENATE BILL 3272 - AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD

Chair DiPalma and Honorable Committee Members,

On behalf of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, we thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 3272, relating to renewable energy standards and long-term net metering contracts.

Municipalities across Rhode Island continue to face increasing energy costs and growing pressure to modernize public infrastructure while maintaining stable local budgets. Senate Bill 3272 represents an important step toward expanding long-term renewable energy certainty and promoting additional investment in clean energy generation throughout the state.

By requiring electric distribution companies to offer long-term contracts with predictable net metering credit structures, this legislation would provide municipalities, schools, and other public entities with greater financial certainty when evaluating renewable energy projects. Stable and predictable energy pricing is critical for local governments seeking to responsibly plan capital investments and reduce long-term operating costs for taxpayers.

In addition to the fiscal benefits, expanded renewable energy deployment supports statewide resiliency, sustainability, and environmental goals. Many Rhode Island cities and towns have already taken meaningful steps toward reducing municipal energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, and this legislation would help provide an additional tool to support those efforts.

The League appreciates the sponsor's focus on encouraging long-term renewable energy development and creating a more predictable framework for system owner/operators. We believe Senate Bill 3272 has the potential to strengthen Rhode Island's clean energy economy while assisting municipalities in managing future energy costs.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Honorable Members of Senate Finance Committee