



Representative Jacob Bissaillon, Chair

Senate Housing and Municipal Government Committee
Rhode Island Senate

March 26th, 2026

RE: Green Energy Consumers Alliance Supports Senate Bill 2122

Dear Chair Bissaillon 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 2122**, which would require energy efficiency testing prior to the purchase of a property.

Energy Efficiency Testing Improves Transparency

The baseline energy efficiency of a dwelling is a critical baseline that impacts energy expenses for the resident. This legislation would require that before the purchase of a property, blower door air leakage testing and a home energy audit is completed, so potential buyers are aware of the baseline energy efficiency of said property. This would provide additional context regarding home performance for potential buyers to base their decision on.

Additionally, this legislation would also require that buyers are provided with information regarding energy efficiency programs offered by the Office of Energy Resources which can provide guidance on what other programs a homeowner can take advantage of to reduce or contain utility bills. Energy efficiency programs are one of the most instrumental ways that Rhode Islanders can address utility spending, but not everyone takes advantage of them. By requiring information to be provided to home buyers, this information access gap can be addressed.

Important to note is that the home buyer is not always the occupant of the home. Renters can often feel like a subset of residents that cannot access energy efficiency measures, when this is not the case. This misalignment is called the landlord-tenant split incentive, where the individual that would benefit from energy efficiency measures is not the one making the ultimate decision to install them. Passage of S2122 would ensure that home buyers are aware of energy efficiency programs, and can make an informed decision on implementing them, whether they reside in the property or not. Green Energy Consumers has developed a [Renter Toolkit](#) to educate renters about energy efficiency and clean energy programs available to them, but providing that information at the point of home purchase, when a buyer may consider making renovations or upgrades will streamline the process for the resident.

Green Energy Consumers Alliance thanks Senator Gu for introducing this important legislation and urges the Committee and full General Assembly to vote in favor of its passage.

Sincerely,

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