

**Testimony in support of S2260: Building Benchmarking and Reporting Act of 2026**

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To Chair Bissaillon and the honorable Members of the Senate Housing and Municipal Government Committee:

70% of buildings in the 2050 housing stock have already been built. Without converting most of these existing buildings to use renewable energy sources, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions that is mandated by the RI Act on Climate will be impossible.

An important prerequisite to achieve such a conversion is to benchmark the actual energy use of large buildings, so that the scope of work to decarbonize building energy can be assessed.

I support the bill because it contains a comprehensive process for such benchmarking.

Please bring the bill to a vote in 2026.

Thank you very much for considering my input, and thank you to Senator Kallman for introducing this important bill.



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