

Dear Committee Chairman and Committee Members-

My name is Jim Kingston and I reside in Providence. I am writing in SUPPORT of Senate bill 2260.

As we all know, buildings comprise over a third of all carbon emissions here in Rhode Island. In order for Rhode Island to meet its goals in the Act on Climate it is critical that we understand how much energy our buildings are using and the best place to start is with our largest buildings. This bill would require owners of buildings over 25,000 square feet- think the size of 2 average CVS stores- to report their energy consumption, as has already been done for large buildings in the City of Providence. The information generated by this bill would enable OER to establish emissions reduction targets for those largest buildings and help put us on the path to meeting our goals.

I ask that you vote to move this bill out of Committee and to the Senate floor for a vote. Thank you for your consideration.