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The Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr.
Chairman
House Committee on Corporations
82 Smith Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

RE: H 7426 An Act Relating To Public Utilities And Carriers –Solar Decommissioning Plans

Dear Chairman Solomon,

Thank you for providing the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources (OER) the opportunity to submit comments on *H-7426 An Act Relating To Public Utilities and Carriers – Solar Decommissioning Plans*. OER supports the objectives of this legislation and the proposed collaboration with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management.

In 2018, OER and the Division of Statewide Planning convened a series of public outreach meetings across the State focused on issues related to solar siting. The meetings resulted in the development of two solar siting guidance reports related to municipal comprehensive plans, and model ordinances/taxation for municipalities and interested stakeholders. Since that time, many municipalities in Rhode Island have adopted ordinances that mention decommissioning plans. This legislation would serve to codify comparable requirements that developers already comply with in many municipalities.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer comments on this legislation. Please feel free to contact me should you have any additional questions or wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen M. Bradbury".

Karen M. Bradbury
Administrator, Energy Legislation & Programs

cc: Members of the House Committee on Corporations
Nicole McCarty, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House
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