

March 21, 2024

Rep. Joseph J. Solomon Jr., Chair

House Corporations Committee

Rhode Island State House

Providence, Rhode Island

Re: Dana Goodman of NEC Solar, Testimony in Support of House Bill H 7811 An Act Relating To Public Utilities And Carriers – 2024 Energy Storage Act; With Additional Comments on H 7808, H 7603, H7815, H 7137, H 7426, H 7813, and H 7816

Dear Chair Solomon and Members of the Committee,

NECEC Submitted commentary that represents the best interests of the solar community in RI. Rather than be reiterative, I'm writing in to express concurrence and support of their testimony on today's bills. In addition to that, with my position as a board member of two local environmental non-profits I must stress that we need to make it *easier*, and less complicated for Rhode Island homeowners, businesses, municipalities and low-income housing units to go solar and add battery storage to our grid.

Battery storage provides the opportunity for less strain on the grid as more people are able to self-consume. Please consider the overall goals of our state and the greater good when taking positions on these bills. Our planet is on fire, our seas are rising, and we really just don't have any time to waste.

Sincerely,

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