



Representative Joseph Solomon, Chair
House Corporations Committee
Rhode Island House of Representatives

March 20th, 2025

RE: Green Energy Consumers Alliance Supports House Bill 5818

Dear Chair Solomon and members of the Committee

On behalf of Green Energy Consumers Alliance and our thousands of members across Rhode Island, **I write in support of House Bill 5818** which would prevent public utilities serving greater than 100,000 customers from recovering through rates the costs associated with advertising, marketing, communication and other investor-related expenses.

Energy Expenses Should Support Ratepayers

In recent months, we have seen much upset over rising energy bills and the impact those expenses have on ratepayers. Costs incurred by utilities operating in Rhode Island that they seek to recover through rates should be costs that benefit ratepayers, not costs like those outlined in this bill which primarily benefit utility shareholders and can be unknown to ratepayers.

Green Energy Consumers Alliance thanks Representative Handy 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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