

**Testimony of Peter Trafton, Providence RI, in support of H5821, March 20, 2025**

Dear Chair Solomon and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Corporations,

I write in strong and enthusiastic support FOR H 5821, by Representative Handy and colleagues.

This bill clarifies and establishes the Public Utilities Commission's supervision of dealings between utilities that serve the citizens of Rhode Island. It clearly states that dealings between privately owned public utilities Are of public interest and should be reviewed by our Public Utilities Commission.

The need for such reviews was clearly revealed by the recent sale of the Narragansett electric company – our main electricity and gas utility – from “National Grid” to “Pennsylvania Power and Light”, and its subsequent review by our Atty. Gen.

To ensure more appropriate and effective regulation in the future, please pass 5821 now.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PG Trafton". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Peter Trafton