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By E-mail

Testimony in favor of Affordable Clean Energy Security Act (H5816)

To: Chair Solomon and Honorable Members of the House Corporations Committee:

I live in Newport and am writing in support of H 5816

Off-shore Wind energy is a key ingredient in meeting our obligations under the Act on Climate (and as responsible stewards of the planet) - to stop using fossil fuels. It captures one of Rhode Island's natural advantages to provide an energy source that is uniquely compatible with our other major source - solar energy: producing power at night, and most strongly in the winter, paired with solar producing power during the day, and most strongly in the summer.

Importantly - recent geo-political events also highlight an additional important benefit: it provides energy that we control, and is not subject to the needs and desires of the citizens and government of Canada.

Every energy source we use has some impact on the environment. Off-shore wind is no exception. But in the case of off-shore wind that impact is far outweighed by its tremendous scaled benefit in helping us stop polluting the planet by burning fossil fuels.

Rhode Island currently has available identified off-shore wind capacity to meet the bill's 1,400 MW requirement, This legislation provides sufficient time (2029) to allow us to move beyond the current administration, and, in this uncertain time. will give off-shore wind producers comfort that there is a customer for their product.

This is a very important piece of the 'responsible steward of the planet' puzzle; I urge you to pass it.

Thank you.

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