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Testimony in support of H5816: Affordable Clean Energy Security Act  
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To Chair Solomon and the honorable Members of the House Corporations Committee:

I support this bill because it embodies the extension of the thinking, planning, and foresight of the 2014 Resilient Rhode Island Act.

Those sponsors and supporters were aware that Rhode Island must transition towards renewable energy and away from fossil fuel sources to protect our coastal resources, local climate, and the wellbeing of the state residents. The 2021 Act on Climate and the 100 percent 2033 Renewable Energy Standard are legislative extensions of the 2014 act ideas. The solicitation of 1200 MW of offshore wind by 2029 is a logical and environmentally responsible continuation of the original legislative objective for transitioning off fossil fuels.

The 884 MW solicitation that came to be named Revolution Wind 2 was rejected in 2023 for several reasons with cost as the major reason. If a solicitation is created in 2029 and the project comes to be built it may not go fully on-line until 2033. This is not a time to defer again. The cost of inaction is too high.

I support this bill because we are running late to secure a path off fossil fuels to realize the original objective of the Resilient Rhody Act and subsequent legislation. Please bring the bill to a vote in 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Clemow