



## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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The Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr.  
Chairman – House Committee on Corporations  
State House  
Providence, R.I. 02903

### Re: **H 5819 – Public Utilities and Carriers – Net-Metering**

Dear Chairman Solomon:

The Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (Division) applauds the proposed legislation's discussion of issues addressing ways to limit ratepayer expense, in this instance, the cost of net-metering. While we support the measure as written, we would like to offer two additional suggestions.

The Division further recommends revising the definition of "excess renewable net-metering credit" to mean that portion of the production of electrical energy beyond one hundred percent (100%) of on-site consumption. This change would eliminate the 125% cap under the current definition. This change would provide clarity in the administration of excess net metering credits and provide fair and reasonable compensation for all net-metered output beyond 100% of consumption.

This measure represents meaningful reform of compensation for excess generation, resulting in net-metering cost containment. However, reform of net-metering credits applied to on-site consumption is also needed and should balance the competing goals of incentivizing renewable energy deployment while ensuring the affordability of electric bills.

Sincerely,

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CC: The Honorable Representative Charlene Lima  
The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Corporations  
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