

April 1, 2025

Representative Joseph J. Solomon
Chair of House Corporations Committee
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: ACT Opposition to House Bill 5820- Renewable Energy Standard

Dear Chair Solomon and Members of the Committee,

The Alliance for Climate Transition appreciates the opportunity to submit comments in opposition to House Bill 5820- Renewable Energy Standard.

The Alliance for Climate Transition ("ACT") leads the just, equitable, and rapid transition to a clean energy future and a diverse climate economy. Our 300+ members include companies from all of the clean energy market segments, many of whom are based in Rhode Island, do business here, or hope to make future investments in the state.

This bill delays Rhode Island's deadlines for reaching renewable energy standard obligations. However, delaying these energy mix goals will jeopardize Rhode Island's ability to meet its decarbonization commitments set in the Act on Climate.

Furthermore, there is still plenty of time for the state and its utilities to meet these commitments on time. The state is currently in the process of designing the 2025 Climate Action Strategy, scheduled to be finalized early next year, which will pave the way for decarbonizing the economy, including electrification and decarbonization of our energy system. The legislature should consider the outcomes of this report, and the many other efforts happening in the state, in any future decisions made in regards to altering the Renewable Energy Standard.

The clean energy transition can be accomplished swiftly and successfully. On behalf of our members, thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to connect with us to continue stewarding the clean energy transition in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,



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