



**Representative Joseph Solomon, Chair**  
House Corporations Committee  
Rhode Island House of Representatives

**April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**RE: Green Energy Consumers Alliance Supports House Bill 6085**

Dear Chair Solomon and members of the Committee,

On behalf of Green Energy Consumers Alliance and our thousands of members across Rhode Island, **I write in support of House Bill 6085**, which would prevent preferred sites for solar development from being subject to the 275MWac maximum cap.

**Rhode Island Needs More Renewable Generation**

To meet the Act on Climate mandates and increase the amount of in-state renewable energy generation facilities, it is prudent to develop solar in preferred sites to the maximum amount available. Preferred sites are locations that have prior development like landfills, parking lots, brownfields, rooftops, etc and are good hosts for solar development without needing to disturb new sites. To efficiently use these preferred sites, they should not be subject to the 275MWac capacity restriction currently in place. Deploying solar on these sites beyond the cap is an efficient use of already developed land and will ensure that the state is not artificially capping the amount of solar that can be produced using available and existing locations.

Expanding development of solar generation will also help Rhode Island meet our 100% Renewable Energy Standard (RES) by 2033 and add to the amount of in-state generated Renewable Energy Credits available for sale. This generation keeps energy spending in-state and helps to create and sustain local jobs.

**Conclusion**

Ensuring that preferred solar development sites can be built out to their full potential is important for Rhode Island as the state looks to meet our 100% RES. Green Energy Consumers Alliance thanks Representative Speakman for introducing this important legislation and urges the Committee and full General Assembly to vote in favor of its passage.

Sincerely,

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