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Buildings in Rhode Island are a major source of greenhouse gases and are responsible for nearly 30% of our states total emissions. In contrast to other major GHG emitting sectors such as electricity generation and transportation, Rhode Island currently has no plan to reduce building emissions. We must pass the Building Decarbonization Act this legislative session to improve emissions monitoring and start reducing emissions in both new construction and existing buildings. (70 percent of the buildings that will stand in 2050 are already built. Without the benchmarking requirements and standard this act would establish, we can't begin to put a dent in our building emissions and don't have a hope of meeting our Act on Climate requirements to be net-zero by 2050.

By moving to all-electric buildings by 2050, we will be able to save 1.5 metric tons of carbon dioxide, therefore reducing air pollution and it will stop contributing to climate change.

Please support H7617! Thank you.

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