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To: House Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Cc: Rep. Bennett, David A.
Subject: In support of H7782: The Clean Heat Standard Act (from Olivia Krommes, Pawtucket resident)

Dear Chair Bennett and Committee Members,

I'm writing to express my strong support for H7782: The Clean Heat Standard Act. In order to achieve the Act on Climate, we need to implement macro-policies that drive the transition toward electrification. A Clean Heat Standard would do just that by requiring heating suppliers to provide consumers with increasing percentages of clean heat services while phasing out the use of fossil fuels. Other states (Vermont, Colorado, and soon Massachusetts) have already or are currently adopting such policies, which gives us a blueprint to follow.

My family recently replaced our dying gas water heater with a heat pump water heater, and it has already cut our monthly bills by a very significant amount. This unit was more expensive than a gas option, and while we could afford it, I'm sure many others cannot and therefore I'm very supportive of the bill requiring 40% of clean heat credits to go to low and moderate income consumers.

I respectfully urge the Committee to vote in favor of passage for this bill.

Thank you for your consideration,

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