

testimony clean heat

Testimony in favor of bill **H-5167**

Committee Clerk, Louis Mansolillo:

I will keep this brief. Many others will testify in detail about the many benefits of this bill and our need to take decisive action to meet the Act on Climate. Rather than repeat these points, I want to emphasize that:

- 1) We now have a federal government that is hostile to all climate action.
- 2) With a lean state budget, enacting new environmental programs will be an extreme challenge.
- 3) So it's more important than ever that we find creative ways to finance environmental action. The Clean Heat Standard—and an alternative version you will receive testimony on—both provide an innovative way to fund the incentives needed to reduce building carbon emissions.

It is now up to the states to lead climate action in this country, so if we want to leave a healthy planet our children and future generation, we need to take action right here in the Rhode Island legislature.

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