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From: Doug Sabetti <doug@newportsolarri.com>
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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Support for H8032

Dear Chairman Abney,

I'm writing in support of H8032 from the Senate Finance Committee room as this bill is about to be heard as well. H8032 simply updates the list of tax exempt renewable energy equipment. It removes obsolete domestic solar hot water equipment, and adds batteries that are installed in solar photovoltaic systems.

Batteries are becoming common with solar PV systems, delivering solar power after the sun goes down and of course, when the grid fails. The Connected Solutions program is a demand response program from RI Energy and the Office of Energy Resources where RIE taps residential battery systems to relieve strain on the grid. This program helps eliminate the need for expensive and dirty backup power for peak demand times. The Connected Solutions program saved rate payers \$18 million in the first year alone.

I hope you will see the common sense in updating this list to help incentivize more home batteries ties to solar and the benefits it provides the rate payers of RI .

Thank you,
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