

Testimony **in favor of** H5076 Article 3 Section 15-Building Performance Standard

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To Chair Abney and the honorable Members of the House Finance Committee:

I support funds and efforts to implement a Building Performance Standard for Rhode Island as part of necessary actions to meet the RI Act on Climate mandates for greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

This program's first step is only to understand energy usage in state buildings, a prerequisite to develop standards, before we even can implement energy reduction measures for the urgently needed greenhouse gas reductions. This will be an extended journey, and we are on a late start already.

We only have five years left to meet our next Act on Climate mandate for 2030. The building sector is one of the largest emitting sectors, and its emissions must come down rapidly to reach compliance by 2030. Waiting any longer to even start this effort will be too late!

Please provide the urgently needed funds as outlined in the appropriations bill.

Thank you very much for considering my input, and for your work on the appropriations.



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