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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Add large commercial buildings to Article 3, Section 15 of Gov. McKee's budget

Dear members of the House Finance Committee,

I support the essence of Governor McKee's proposal in Article 3, Section 15 of the 2026 budget -- to monitor the energy use of large buildings -- but ask that you **amend the article to require energy reporting for large privately-owned buildings, not only state-owned buildings.**

Requiring monitoring will benefit building owners. With high energy costs affecting the public and private sectors alike, assessments of energy use can reveal ways to cut costs and be planful about sustainably managing costs associated with heating and cooling. Building owners will be better informed about their energy use and can find ways to decarbonize. This will empower them to meaningfully participate in the state's Act on Climate goals.

As a longtime Rhode Island resident who has worked for large and small employers in the state, I know that institutions and organizations want to participate in programs that create a stable foundation for the state's future. By amending the governor's proposal, you can help property owners be a part of the effort to protect our economic viability and way of life -- one that is threatened by mounting climate crises caused by inefficient use of fossil fuels.

Sincerely,

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