

**Testimony of Peter Trafton, Providence RI, in support of H5450, March 20, 2025**

Dear Chair Casey and Honorable Members of the House Committee on Municipal Government and Housing,

I write in strong and enthusiastic support of **House Bill 5450**, by Representative Handy and colleagues.

This vitally important legislation will guide our state through essential steps towards a successful transition from climate-polluting fossil fuels to clean energy sources. It requires that building permits after December 31, 2026, will specify that the energy needs of any new building (with certain specified exceptions) must be met with a permanent supply of electricity as its only source of energy.

Provisions are made for minimizing the impact of electricity costs in affordable housing, and the needs of hospitals and medical laboratories etc.

My family and I have lived in Rhode Island for more than 30 years. We are well aware of the many challenges our state and all Rhode Islanders face because of climate change. In support of our future generations, **please pass 5450** to assist the vital transition away from climate-polluting fossil fuels.

Thanks for considering my comments.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PG Trafton". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Peter Trafton