



Rhode Island House of Representative
House Committee on State Government and Elections

February 6, 2024

In support of H7246: Long-Term Economic Development

Dear Chair Shanley and the honorable Members of the House Committee on State Government and Elections:

Climate Action Rhode Island (CARI) is a grassroots group of over 3,000 members across our state with a mission to decarbonize our energy system and change the way we work together to address the climate crisis. CARI strongly supports and urges you to pass H7246.

Climate change is already impacting all of RI, from the northern forests to the southern coast and these impacts will grow exponentially in the years to come. These changes will affect all aspects of our economic activity and should clearly be included in any long-term plan. The proposed amendment adds “climate change, sea-level rise, and coastal resiliency” to the factors that are considered. It has been shown that anticipating and adapting to the effects of climate change will not only help preserve our quality of life but is cost effective as well. Also, given the goals of the Act on Climate, it is also essential for the impact of the state’s economic development on our carbon emissions to be considered.

In closing, CARI urges the committee to strongly support this important legislation and endeavor to bring it to a floor vote this session.

Sincerely,
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