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To the Honorable Members of the Rhode Island Senate,

My name is **James Stead**, from **Burrillville, Rhode Island** to express my support for **S2080, *An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government — 2021 Act on Climate***.

For clarity, **S2080 is sponsored by:**
Senators Rogers, de la Cruz, Elaine Morgan, and Raptakis.

This legislation takes an important step toward restoring affordability, transparency, and practicality to Rhode Island’s energy and environmental policy. The 2021 Act on Climate imposed legally binding emissions mandates without providing realistic pathways, cost protections, or accountability for the financial impact on residents and businesses. Rhode Islanders are already facing some of the highest energy costs in the region, and the mandates embedded in the Act on Climate risk driving those costs even higher.

S2080 responsibly addresses these concerns by repealing the statutory mandates and allowing the state to reassess its approach with a focus on:

1. Affordability for working families and seniors

Energy policy must consider the real-world financial burden placed on households, especially those already struggling with rising utility costs.

2. Reliability and grid stability

Mandates without infrastructure readiness create risks for grid reliability and long-term energy security.

3. Transparent, achievable planning

Repealing the Act on Climate allows Rhode Island to pursue environmental goals through practical, cost-conscious strategies rather than legally binding mandates disconnected from economic realities.

Supporting S2080 does not mean abandoning environmental stewardship. It means ensuring that Rhode Island’s policies are grounded in feasibility, fiscal responsibility,

and respect for the people who ultimately bear the cost.

I respectfully urge the Senate to advance S2080 and support a more balanced, affordable, and realistic energy policy for our state.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
James Stead
Burrillville, Rhode Island