

Testimony in support of RI Senate Bill No. 2188, The Economic and Climate Resilience Act of 2018, at the Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture meeting on 3/28/18.

My name is Kristen Ivy Moses. I am the executive director of Rhode Island Interfaith Power & Light, a faith-based response to climate change. As people of faith, we believe we all have a moral responsibility to protect the Earth's natural systems and to safeguard the well-being of those most vulnerable to climate change, but least responsible for it — the poor of the world and future generations. We advocate for public policies that will effectively minimize global warming. We support America's transition away from dirty energy sources to clean energy and a brighter future. We need to be creating more laws that decrease our dependence on dirty fossil fuels. It is not only good for our health and our environment, it is good for our economy. We support The Economic and Climate Resilience Act of 2018 because it will reduce pollution and fossil fuel industries, and promote safer, healthier communities, especially for the most vulnerable among us.

Regardless of what the U.S. federal government does, we need to continue to reduce our carbon emissions to meet or exceed the Paris Climate Agreement goals. The Economic and Climate Resilience Act will do this by incentivizing companies and households to save energy and switch to clean renewable energy sources. We need to support the clean energy industry, one of the fastest growing sectors of the Rhode Island economy. The Economic and Climate Resilience Act will do this by reinvesting money in renewable energy, green infrastructure, and good clean energy jobs. We must act now if we are to have any hope of preserving the Earth's bounty for future generations. Please support The Economic and Climate Resilience Act of 2018.

Thank you in advance for doing your part.