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Luly E. Massaro, Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
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via email: Luly.Massaro@puc.ri.gov

*RE: Docket 4983 - 2020 Renewable Energy Growth Program Recommendations by the
Distributed Generation Contracts Board and Office of Energy Resources*

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the 2020 Renewable Energy Growth Program ("REG Program") that was submitted by the Distributed Generation Board ("DG Board").

The Rhode Island Chapter of the American Planners Association ("Planners") and Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns ("League") have worked with the Office of Energy Resources ("OER") over the past year on program and policy regarding solar siting, particularly with regard to local land use decisions. We recognize the important of achieving the state's renewable energy targets but also believe that city and town government play an important role in making sure that any new projects are consistent with local land use requirements and standards.

We are writing in support of the efforts of OER and the DG Board with regard to the proposed REG Program. Specifically, the Planners and League support the addition of a "carport adder" and megawatts allocated to support commercial and large solar development in parking lots. Approval of this addition would advance our shared goal of encouraging renewable energy on developed land and providing more options to achieve state renewable energy targets.

We thank you for your consideration of our views and appreciate the opportunity to comment on the 2020 REG Program.

Sincerely,

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