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Dear Governor Chafee,

The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is a key part of Rhode Island's and the Northeast Region's strategy to reduce pollution from fossil fuels and shift to clean energy. By limiting carbon pollution from power plants, requiring emitters to buy permits to pollute and investing the revenues in energy efficiency and renewable energy, RGGI has helped Rhode Island meet our environmental and energy challenges while curbing dependence on fossil fuels and saving consumers money. RGGI-funded investments are also benefiting Rhode Island economically, boosting growth by \$69 million and creating 567 jobs during the first two and a half years of operation.<sup>1</sup> The undersigned organizations, businesses, and individuals urge state officials to keep Rhode Island on a path to a cleaner, more prosperous energy future by improving RGGI in the following ways.

- 1) Adjust the cap to ensure that it reduces emissions 20% below current levels by 2020 and is on track to reduce emissions by, at least 80% by 2050
- 2) Ensure that the revenues from the RGGI program are invested in energy efficiency and renewable energy programs that will save energy, lower costs, create local jobs and reduce pollution
- 3) Prevent loopholes that will undermine the effectiveness of the program in achieving its emission reduction targets

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<sup>1</sup> Analysis Group, 2011, *The Economic Impacts of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative on Ten Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States*, available at: <http://www.analysisgroup.com/RGGI.aspx>

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