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Christopher Kearns, Interim Commissioner  
RI Office of Energy Resources  
One Capitol Hill  
Providence, RI 02908

**RE: Comments on 2022-D Plan for The Allocation and Distribution of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Auction Proceeds**

Dear Commissioner Kearns,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2022-D Plan for The Allocation and Distribution of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Auction Proceeds. Green Energy Consumers Alliance is a nonprofit organization with a mission to harness the power of energy consumers to speed the transition to a low-carbon future. We respectfully submit the following comments.

While we appreciate and fully support the importance of providing low-income ratepayers with rate-relief, we encourage you to consider alternative funding sources. We believe that RGGI auction proceeds should be dedicated towards supporting the clean energy transition. The transition to clean energy is essential to addressing climate change and protecting the health and well-being of our communities. By investing in clean energy technologies and infrastructure, we can create jobs, reduce air pollution and climate change, and increase our energy independence. Therefore, we urge you to dedicate RGGI auction proceeds towards clean energy initiatives.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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