

E2 North Carolina Business Delegation

Policy Positions

April 18, 2023

1. HB 535, Solar Capacity Limit Elimination – SUPPORT

TOPLINE: we support HB 535 because arbitrary limits on solar net-metering and solar leasing are acting as an unwarranted drag on NC's solar industry and as an unjustified obstacle to businesses and households benefiting from solar generation.

2. HB 503, Storm Resiliency Study – SUPPORT

TOPLINE: we support HB 503 because we owe it to NC businesses and households to diligently analyze possible reforms that could lead to a more reliable and resilient grid and could provide cost savings for NC ratepayers.

3. Advanced Clean Trucks – SUPPORT NOTE: OPPOSE House budget provision that interferes with NC's ability to adopt ACT

TOPLINE: we support NC's adoption of the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) program because it will empower NC's fleet owners to access the economic benefits of zero-emission vans, buses, and trucks. We oppose any budget provision or bill that would prohibit NC from adopting ACT.

4. Building Codes Update – SUPPORT NOTE: OPPOSE HB 488/SB 378 and other efforts to block, slow, or weaken updates

TOPLINE: we support the proposed updates to NC's building codes pending before the Building Code Council because they will provide net-savings for households, lessen demand and strain on the power grid, and create jobs.

5. Port Investments to Build NC's Offshore Wind Industry – SUPPORT NOTE: SUPPORT \$50M in 2023-2024 fiscal year for Radio Island infrastructure upgrades

TOPLINE: NC needs to make the infrastructure investments now to claim a portion of the growing U.S. offshore wind industry, a \$100+ billion economic opportunity. With that in mind, we support funding for port infrastructure investments at Radio Island to help prepare that parcel of land to serve as a hub for manufacturing, staging, and marshaling components for offshore wind turbines.