

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF JUDI FRIEDMAN, CHAIR OF PACE (PEOPLE'S ACTION FOR CLEAN ENERGY, INC.) BEFORE THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE ON MARCH 10, 2009**

**This testimony is in support of HB6635, An Act Concerning Solar Power**

**Dear Members,**

**My name is Judi Friedman and I live at 101 Lawton Rd., Canton, CT 05019 and I have very, very strong and positive feelings about solar energy and Connecticut. My opinion comes from a variety of experiences such as**

**\*organizing solar tours in Connecticut since 1975 and watching the interest and the technology spiral.**

**\*being deeply concerned about the health of the population. Our air pollution from fossil fuels and nuclear energy is a tragic health problem. Radioactive materials and toxics coming from Millstone cannot be ignored. And our asthma rates are a serious issue. Should Millstone be the scene of an accident or terrorist strike, we would deeply regret our lack of solar embrace.**

**\*owning a marvelous solar electric system that has been producing quiet, clean and safe energy since 2000, plus a solar hot water system that has been supplying hot water since 1976. Solar works!**

**\*knowing that solar technology means jobs...meaningful green jobs. Solar panels mounted on schools means student training for green jobs.**

**\*And last but not least, the three thousand activists who work with PACE and the thousands of visitors who have attended our tours support the increased use of this technology very, very strongly.**

**Thank you for this opportunity to address this vital issue.**

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