

Written Testimony of Sharon Woodley  
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Written Testimony in support of HB 6635, An Act Concerning Solar Power

Good Afternoon, distinguished chairs and members of the committee. My name is Sharon Woodley. I am a Jewish Disabled Veteran, an advocate and an artist.

The current system of providing electricity is not cost effective. The OPEC nations have us right where they want us. We line their pockets with our silver, instead of investing in solar power and wind technology. We throw away ever-increasing money on overhead, instead of spending that needed money on things we should be spending it on.

We should remember why the cost of solar technology is so high. It is because the oil companies have bought the patents of solar technology. They know that it is not in their interests for you and me to have access to this technology. I urge you to not let them get away with it. Continue the funding for solar technology.

Last night we celebrated Purim. It is the biblical story of how Ester defeated Haman. We know Haman still exists. Haman was Hitler; he exists today in those criminals who deliberately sold contaminated peanuts. We must use every resource to defeat him.

Solar technology means jobs. Not only the jobs putting in solar, but also because if business spends less on overhead, they may be able to afford to not lay people off.

Connecticut needs jobs and self-sufficiency in order to turn this rescission around. I urge you to do this. Thank-you.

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