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Testimony in support of “**HB 6635, An Act Concerning Solar Power**”

Dear Senator Fonfara, Representative Nardello, Honorable Members of the Energy and Technology Committee,

It is without reservation that I support **HB 6635, An Act Concerning Solar Power**. As you can see from the picture below, I currently enjoy the benefits of solar power (reduced electric bills, fewer emissions, protection against price spikes, etc.). Unfortunately, just when this program was set to really take off, funds for the popular Solar Rebate program have not been replenished, stymieing others from the same benefits. I would like to see other residences, businesses, schools and other municipal buildings, our environment, our economy and our national energy security get the benefits from solar power the way my family has.



Industry thrives in a predictable market, and renewable energy is no different. The price of solar arrays has decreased over time and will continue to do so. Why not help speed this up?

The state of Connecticut can help bring this about by implementing an aggressive ‘solar strategy’, with long term support for ‘utility grade’ projects, Power Purchase Agreements, and ‘community solar’. Approving this bill is an essential step in that direction.

Sincerely,

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