

Written Testimony of Dwayne Escola, Northeast Smart Energy,
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Written Testimony in support of House Bill 5361, AN ACT ESTABLISHING A
MUNICIPAL AND STATE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM

Dear Members,

As the chair of RACE's Energy Committee (RACE stands for Ridgefield Action Committee for the Environment), I have worked with our town's engineer and assistant engineer in conducting a greenhouse gas inventory of our community. During this effort we have discussed the electricity needs of various town buildings, including Town Hall. This Town Hall building has four floors packed with offices and consumes a large amount of electricity. Unfortunately, our Town Hall has a very small roof area for installing solar panels. However, a couple blocks away we have a large maintenance garage with a small demand for electricity but with lots of sunshine and a large roof area which could accept a large solar system.

H. B. 5361 allows for virtual net metering – production of electricity on one building for consumption on up to 5 other buildings - which would help Ridgefield reduce its energy bills and save taxpayers money. I'm sure that many towns across Connecticut have similar situations which this bill could solve. I urge you to seriously consider passing this bill, thank you.

Sincerely,



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