

“My name is Stephen Elkin and I am speaking on House Bill 5362.

I am Board member of Solar CT Association, representing over 50 corporations, in CT. I will also be newly elected as a Vice Chairman of Solar Energy Industry Association, located in Washington DC.

Senator Fonfara, Representative Nardello and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to address this important issue.”

During these tough Economic times, tough decisions must be made. Some jobs will be lost and funds cut in an attempt to bring the budget back into balance. Somewhere in this decision making process so how you have to decide what gets cut from the budget and What stays.

One would hope that the items that get cut will be the ones that will have a least impact on the economy of the state now and in the future.

Bill 5363 , any Bill , or fund, or group that is setup to stimulate and develop Industry in CT never mind be the last to be cut, because cutting this on others like it not only will we loss jobs and companies in a growth industry today, but it will cost us thousands of jobs that these funds are meant to create in this industry. Instead we should be aggressively doing everything we are can to support these Bills and Programs that will bring business to the state and with them prosperity, using with all the resources we can muster to attract Companies and Jobs that will replenish and full the state coffers once again.

Being a Native CT Yankee during my life I have seen a vast change in CT. Back in the day CT's contributions to United States was great. Since then It has gone from an Industrial powerhouse to a shadow of its former glory. Over the years one by one company have fallen, or relocated. Hundreds of thousands of jobs lost, and that trend continues. Every day you hear another company closing, or more layoffs

We can change this trend, There is hope if we seize it. There is another industrial revolution emerging happening, we just need to seize the opportunity. It is the renewable energy revolution. And it will be a huge revolution. This is not just my opinion but it is the best minds of the world..

I have traveled around the world working in this industry meeting with the best of the best, all over the United States and in all countries in the Far East , Europe, Australia, South America, and the Middle East. All leaders in this renewable energy revolution and it is a very competitive industry.

But I am here to tell you we can compete in this industry, and succeed. Some people think this” Green Revolution” is all hype, speculation, and conjecture, I am here to tell you it is not, I have seen it with my own eyes. When you stand in a factory that was started only 15 years earlier and it now occupies 100s of thousands of square ft of facility with over 8 thousand employees, and over 1 Billion in sales and growing you become a believer. I met with government officials for the city of Berlin were they or leveling a

huge section of the old East Berlin to build a new High Tech Renewable zone, investing Billions in this project. The difference between there and here is government is doing everything it can to support industry and develop jobs.

Millions have been created in the world so why don't we create some here in CT.

Please Support Bill 5362, and support anything that will bring companies and new jobs in a growing industry here to CT. Thank you

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