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Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Madam Chairman Daily, Chairmen Staples, Members of the Committee,

It is with great concern that I write to you on behalf of Greenskies Renewable Energy LLC, not only as a practitioner of renewable energy in this state, but also as a life-long citizen of Connecticut. It is my opinion, and the opinion of this company, that Raised Bill No. 484 illegitimately usurps funding intended for the increased state-wide capacity of renewable energy and energy efficiency from the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund ("CCEF"). When a citizen of CT pays his/her taxes, they expect legislators, lawmen and officials to leverage those funds to provide the public services we all expect to be provided. When a citizen of CT pays his/her electric bill, they expect those funds to contribute to the generation and delivery of energy services, under the close scrutiny of legislators. We feel that the re-direction of CCEF funds to the state budget is not only misleading to ratepayers, but detrimental to an important state institution.

Please consider this opinion when deciding whether to enact Raised Bill No. 484 in this legislative session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Silvestrini". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael Silvestrini