

March 19, 2010

Finance, Revenue, & Bonding Committee
c/o Senator Eileen Daily and
Representative Cam Staples
LOB Room 3700
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Daily & Representative Staples:

The Town of Avon, Connecticut wishes to express our strong support for renewable energy and energy conservation in the State of Connecticut. The citizens of our community are concerned about the sustainability of our energy consumption, our dependence on foreign sources of energy, the effects of green house gas emissions from the burning of fossil fuels and the detrimental economic effects of future energy cost increases.

We strongly support maintaining funding for the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund ("CCEF") and the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF). Funds for these two entities are critical aspects of a sustainable energy plan for Connecticut. They are funded by a special combined benefits charge levied to all electrical ratepayers in Connecticut for those purposes only and thus, should never be considered as a part of the general tax revenues of the State.

The millions of dollars available from the Federal Stimulus Package for renewable energy initiatives in each state should also be applied directly to the efforts of the CCEF and CEEF. We strongly recommend allocating those funds to the two existing funds.

We further recommend that the scope of applications of these funds be expanded to include alternate renewable energy technologies beyond the current solar PV program. Geothermal heat pumps, for example are ideal applications for those funds.

We urge other groups working in the public interest and other municipalities to endorse similar initiatives to those we have mentioned above.

Sincerely,

Brandon Robertson
Town Manager

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Cc: Town Council
Avon Clean Energy Commission
Senator Kevin Witkos
Representative Tim LeGeyt
Representative Beth Bye