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Distinguished Members of the Commerce Committee:

My name is Megan McClellan and I am majoring in environmental sciences with a concentration in natural resources and am also pursuing a minor in geography. I recently heard about the bill being brought to legislature, HB No. 6399: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A GREEN JOBS TASK FORCE and immediately felt compelled to do something to support it. I have always had a passion for the environment growing up and know that I want to pursue a career to better the future of the Earth's natural resources and study ways of utilizing natural resources for energy instead of using fossil fuels.

I was a very active member in the state 4-H program growing up and have many friends who have pursued degrees in agriculture and environmental sciences, but it seems that most of them have had to move out of state in order to find jobs, seeing as the need for these types of degrees in Connecticut is either fairly low, or just not well advertized.

I would like to find a career path in Connecticut when I graduate, but am very concerned that I will have a difficult time finding one. I believe that passing this bill will motivate me, as well as other graduates, in completing our degrees and pursuing related jobs in our home state.

Sincerely,

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