

**Written Testimony of Susan Andrus Olson,  
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Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My family benefited from the CT Clean Energy Rebate Program. In June 2009, we were able to install a 5 KW photovoltaic system on the roof of our Simsbury home. We are very happy with our experience. Actually it has exceeded our expectations. For the past 20 months our typical electric bill has been \$16 for a 3500 sq ft house with 5 bedrooms and 4 bathrooms. For the price of a car, we have electric payback for the next 25 years. What a good investment!

I don't expect energy to become cheaper. On the contrary, it will become more expensive. Investment now in the solar infrastructure will pay for itself over time. It will provide jobs and a growing local industry destined to create a more livable, breathable future for us and for our children. I say go for it. Thank you.

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