

To Energy Committee Clerk, David McDonald  
Dear Mr. McDonald,

I'm concerned about the Solar Energy Plan in CT.

I'm told that a public hearing is being held today to discuss a bill that will effect the solar energy plan in this state.

I can't make it to the hearing, but I wanted to share with you my thoughts and concerns. I hope you are willing to support some of the changes that need to be made.

I recently had a solar array installed at my home and studio in Killingworth, which should provide for all of electrical power we need.

This was made possible for me because of the CT Solar Lease Program. It is my hope that this program will be continued and expanded.

One of the key parts of this program is "Net metering" which allows me to sell back any excess electricity that I produce.

I'm told, as of now, towns are not allowed to have "Virtual Net Metering". I find this unfair and should be changed.

Killingworth has many smaller buildings, that couldn't hold a large enough solar array to power the individual buildings, but has a few large school roofs, and a large pavilion that could hold large solar arrays that could supply a large portion of the municipal power needs. If "Virtual Net Metering" was allowed, this would make a big difference for many towns, and encourage towns to rely on more solar power and less on oil and coal. This would reduce pollution and our dependence on foreign oil.

I hope you will support the expansion of the solar lease program, and change the legislation to allow towns to have, Net Metering.

Sincerely,

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