

Testimony of Katherine Freygang on Senate Bill 1

To Whom it May Concern,

The NW Corner of CT, Cornwall is an inspiring example of the success that CT as a whole could be experiencing as a result of utilizing well designed and administered state incentives.

In Cornwall, a population of 1400 we have installed more than 80,000 watts of PV solar power using state provided incentives. In the immediate area (5-8 towns) we have converted five or more contractors to green building practices, opened one new solar power company and two new building contractors specializing in green building. (In the state we have tripled the number of approved solar installers in the last 5 years.)

If this is the case for a small town, imagine this effect multiplied over the entire state!

In 2006 our town began it's conscious raising efforts using the Clean Energy Option, the Clean Energy Communities Program, the Light Up Program and independent efforts in local foods, and education. We have become a community that is renewable and conservation aware.

The starting and stopping of programs has dropped Connecticut from the top five in the union to the top 25.

With long term, enlightened and reliable programs administered through one state office that has representatives in designated regions of the state, we can inspire our greater population to investigate and implement progressive energy conservation technologies and practices. Please support legislation to this end.

Sincerely,

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