



March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

To: Connecticut General Assembly Energy and Technology Committee

Re: Written Testimony of:  
Rainer Schrom and Stephen Grasso at "Partners For Architecture, Inc."  
before the Connecticut General Assembly Energy and Technology Committee, March 15, 2011 concerning  
Senate Bill 1, an Act Concerning Energy Policy and Finance.

New technologies like solar and wind power require the targeted assistance of policy makers in form of subsidies, in order to become mainstream and affordable to the public. Once established the competitive marketplace can take over in further spreading use and benefit to all of us. In fact we see this as one of the most important roles of government.

We think there can be no doubt as to the benefits of local, decentralized power generation, especially in a state like Connecticut that is largely still dependent on energy imports, be it oil, coal or electricity.

We strongly urge the Legislative to write and enact legislation to subsidize residential and commercial solar power, ground and air source heat pumps, and provide incentives to install high-efficiency insulation and air sealing products for homes to the highest degree feasible.

Such investments will generate returns immediately in form of less energy dependence, reduced cost of ownership, reduced impact on our environment, and last but not least new jobs.

Please create the rules and frameworks to keep Connecticut at the forefront of innovation and progress in technologies that will power the future and lay the foundation of prosperity and well-being for the generations to come.

Sincerely,

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