

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF ROBIN LATTA TWEEDY Before the Connecticut General Assembly Energy and
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As a low income wage earner who is seasonally and chronically unemployed in the State of Connecticut, I believe I am one of the people who could directly benefit by the creation of GREEN jobs in the State. This bill would create the demand for workers being trained in community colleges and urban job training centers. The state can become a center for green collar jobs providing higher wages and new entry level jobs.

We need a new strategy for economic growth and we need clean energy like solar to become more affordable in this state. Our reliance on fossil fuel is getting more expensive day by day and is ultimately unsustainable. More nuclear power is unthinkable as given the current crisis in Japan. Japan is an example of why we should not extend more licenses to the old plants and the new plants must be stopped because the safety assurances by the industry are false promises as were the assurances to consumers of electric companies of cheap rates with nuclear energy.

It is all too damn expensive for an average resident of this state to continue going in the same wrong-headed direction on current energy use and policy!

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