

## Testimony on Senate Bill 415

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill 415.

I am Kathy Hale, former member South Windsor Town Council and South Windsor Clean Energy Taskforce

I support the language in Senate Bill 415 to establish a Property Assessed Clean Energy financing program in Connecticut. Reducing the up-front cost of installing renewable and energy efficiency is crucial to the viability of this industry. Particularly as gas prices rise, and in view of the high cost of electricity in Connecticut, having a Property Assessed Clean Energy finance program is crucial to the health of Connecticut households and businesses. [

I am a former elected official in South Windsor and believe our municipality would be interested in PACE because many of our citizens struggle with utility costs which could be relieved through this program. We look forward to the opportunity to join a statewide program.

My special interests as a Town Councillor included both municipal tax policy and clean energy. I believe that this bill can contribute to the strengthening of Connecticut Communities and to the energy security of the United States.

We would like to be able to offer a PACE program to businesses and residents, so please fix the statute which treated residential PACE assessments as having lower priority status than other municipal tax assessments.

Thank you,

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