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State Senator Steve Cassano
Legislative Office Building
Room 2100
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

State Representative Linda Gentile
Legislative Office Building
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Re: Raised Bill No. 5538

Dear Chairman Cassano and Chairman Gentile,

I write to you on behalf of Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. ("Constellation") to express our support for Raised Bill Number 5538. Constellation is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Exelon Corp., a Pennsylvania corporation headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. Constellation holds a retail electric supplier license in 17 states and the District of Columbia, and is a leading supplier of electricity and other energy products and services to retail electric customers. Constellation also designs, constructs, and operates renewable energy, solar, heating, cooling, and cogeneration facilities.

As you are aware, this bill extends the property tax exemption for solar electric generation facilities from residential facilities to include solar installations at commercial and industrial customer sites. As a leading solar developer in the Northeast, Constellation is responsive to all of the economic incentives and barriers to solar generation investment in this region. Constellation's position as a leading competitive retail electric supplier places it in an excellent position to offer commercial and industrial customers a suite of energy products and services, including on-site solar generation. Property tax impacts are one of the most important economic factors in determining whether an on-site solar array makes sense for Constellation's business customers. Raised bill 5538 will go a long way to making the installation of solar generation more attractive for these customers and enabling the expansion of solar power within Connecticut.

For the foregoing reasons Constellation wishes to thank the bill sponsors and to encourage your committee to act favorably upon this important measure.

Sincerely,



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