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RE: AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR SOLAR
INSTALLATIONS

Raised House Bill 5538

We strongly support the explicit exemption of property tax for commercial solar installation in Connecticut. We are currently subsidizing the cost of commercial solar power and to tax it at the town level would be a grave mistake just when the industry is starting to convert 1-2% of Connecticut's commercial sites to solar power.

We would also strongly encourage the committee to exempt all permit fees for residential and commercial solar installations as they can add a 1-2% tax on solar installation at the town level. Something which we should not be doing when we are subsidizing solar through state agencies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harsh Luthra", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Harsh Luthra