

Testimony in support of HB 6360

Dear Energy and Technology Committee:

I support HB6360 with the following reservations:

more emphasis should be placed on conservation and creation of renewable energy sources rather than developing natural gas intermediary sources.

I understand that gas is cheaper and cleaner than oil at this time.

But what happens when gas becomes expensive or we frack the heck out of our country and create wastelands of polluted water and earth in the process?

Waste to energy is not "green energy". Incineration releases hazardous chemicals into our air that cause illness and premature death. Most incinerators are located in distressed communities. We need to develop alternative energy sources with incentives to recycle working toward 0 waste.

By allowing waste to energy incinerators to be classified as "green energy" we will invite terrible abuse whereby companies will truck in garbage from other states to maintain the burning capacity of the incinerator while CT continues to lower its garbage production through effective recycling.

Biomass and other waste to energy incinerators are not "green energy" and should not receive the same incentives that real alternative, clean energies receive.

Again, our best plan for our future is to continue to invest in savings through conservation where we save the most money and avoid costly investments in large infrastructure projects.

I would also like to continue to see microgrid development especially to maintain essential services and relieve the need for idling power plants by ISO NE. For example, PSEG's harbor station in New Haven and coal firing plant in Bridgeport are paid to idle whether their power is used or not. Both cities suffer from severe asthma in vulnerable populations.

The Clean Energy Funds that we all pay in to through our electric bill should be available to urban multifamily dwellings in an effective way. Right now there are many IKEA-size projects that use our money for their benefit; what about the common person that contributes to this fund? What do they get out of it? So far, not much. This fund should benefit common people in urban centers also. The rules need to change to allow this to happen.

Thank you.

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