

Dear Sir or Madam;

This is testimony on Bill SB 1138

Bill 1138 should not be passed. It will be harmful to renewable energy sources in Connecticut without any economic or environmental gains in the state. The narrowly targeted beneficiaries of the bill appear to be large energy projects located outside of Connecticut or even the United States.

We operate a 600 kw hydroelectric plant in Putnam, one of the two Low Impact Hydropower Institute Certified hydro projects in Connecticut, but even as a LIHI certified plant because this is an older project it has not qualified as a Class 1 resource although we have made considerable investments to make it more efficient and increase production. We have been selling RECs into the Massachusetts market and would continue to do so if this bill passes. Increasing the hydro size limit to 30 MW but not allowing the incremental gains from existing in-state projects will increase the overall supply but not support production from Connecticut resources and will not give Connecticut operators the incentive to invest.

The bill proposes to not allow participants in the Connecticut REC market to sell into the RECs markets of other states. Most renewable producers are qualified for and participating in other states' markets, and this clause can only be for the benefit of large Canadian producers who are not allowed in other US states anyway.

Yours truly,

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