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My name is Judi Friedman and I am the chairperson of PACE (PEOPLE'S ACTION FOR CLEAN ENERGY), a nonprofit Connecticut energy organization created in 1975. Since that time our organization has conducted renewable energy tours throughout the state of Connecticut. We've seen firsthand the embrace of the public of renewable energy as well as the jobs that accompany homegrown technology that works. Therefore we are extremely troubled by many aspects of bill 1138. We do not believe that we should be moving to obtain energy from Hydro-Québec instead of giving jobs to renewable energy companies in Connecticut. We need to build a clean energy future right here in Connecticut. We strongly, strongly support truly clean and truly renewable sources of power that are available now such as solar, wind, and small Hydro above all we must put all our efforts into energy efficiency. That source is the cheapest, fastest, easiest, and most economical use of power

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