

Sent on behalf of Mr. Steve Hogan, Executive Vice-President and General Manager of Spire Solar:

To the Legislature of the State of Connecticut:

Senate Bill 1138 “An Act Concerning Connecticut’s Clean Energy Goals” is, with respect, ill-considered. One of its primary provisions will almost assuredly extinguish the growth of renewable energy in the State, and negatively impact its development in the region. Renewable energy is a prospective growth industry in Connecticut in which a great many of its residents and businesses have expressed interest. Significant numbers of Connecticut citizens already place confidence in renewable energy. We have had a number of them inquire about solar photovoltaics for their homes and businesses. Renewables are new sources of clean energy for Connecticut, but also important is they represent sources that can be nurtured and controlled by the people of Connecticut. They are not dependent upon a vast business combine headquartered out of state. The programs developed by the State to encourage the use of renewables are some of the best and most efficient in New England, and are a model for other states. They will enable the growth of the renewable energy in Connecticut under the control of, and for the enrichment of its citizens. As a developer of solar photovoltaics installations throughout New England, and elsewhere in the U.S., we have considered ourselves privileged to have had the opportunity to do business in your State and have trusted local sources of labor and materials to help us, and hope we have many more opportunities to do so again.

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