

City Of Torrington



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As the Mayor of Torrington, I wish to express my support for **HB 6360 - An Act Concerning Implementation of Connecticut's Comprehensive Energy Strategy.**

The proposal would, among other things, provide a greater ability to municipalities, who participate in the virtual net metering program to own or contract with a third party the Class I or Class III Renewable facilities. It also raises the statutory cap of the program from \$1 million to \$10 million and raises the capacity rating from 2 to 3 megawatts. *Section 5*

The proposal would make the installation of Class I and Class II renewable energy resources more economically viable for municipalities by alleviating the financial barriers that the ownership requirement in PA 11-80 posed for municipalities interested in the program. As well, the increase in the statutory cap will allow a greater amount of facilities to qualify throughout the state.

In Torrington, we are exploring the installation of a Class I facility that would provide renewable energy utilizing the city's unused landfill site for a solar farm. The City of Torrington is excited about this possibility and look forward to this project coming to fruition with the passage of this bill.

Therefore, I urge you to favorably report HB 6360.

Sincerely,

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Ryan J. Bingham
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