

I have learned from the Connecticut Small Power Producers Association that a new version of Biil 1138 "appears to create a long-term contracting opportunity with Hydro Quebec outside of any competitive process and under the RPS (through a new Class I contracted tier)."

Further, it appears there are "several aspects of the bill that will harm existing and paralyze future development of renewables including solar, wind and hydro." Connecticut **MUST** move toward renewable energy use to whatever extent possible. The damage this area has suffered from increasingly frequent and powerful storms makes it clear that Connecticut must take the lead on creating a new energy future. Now is the time to make progress in this area, not to hinder it.

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