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OPPOSING 1138

I am taking the time to write because I care about the type of world we create with our policies and because energy is a strategic issue affecting climate, jobs, air and water quality, habitat, and our health.

The reason I oppose 1138 is it dilutes our state's Renewable Portfolio Standard, by providing corporate giveaways to Northeast Utilities and Hydro Quebec. The corporate giveaways in this bill would disrupt the market for renewable energy in New England and send our money to Canada. The significant changes this bill would bring about deserve careful study and attention. One question that most clean energy advocates want answered is, "Why is this bill coming out before the long-promised study on Connecticut's Renewable Portfolio Standard?"

We have a choice: Take the steps that will protect our environment, create local jobs, and build a clean energy future, or give a deal to Northeast Utilities and Hydro Quebec that would rollback Connecticut's commitment to clean energy.

I urge you to oppose 1138 and not weaken Connecticut's Renewable Portfolio Standard.