



March 3, 2014

Connecticut State Legislature
Energy and Technology Committee
Legislative Office Building, RM 3900
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: . **S.J. No. 22** (COMM) RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION LIMITING THE USE OF MONEYS CONTAINED IN THE CLEAN ENERGY FUND. (ET) and **Proposed S.B. No. 134** - AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE CLEAN ENERGY FINANCE AND INVESTMENT AUTHORITY. (ET)

Dear Senator Duff, Representative Reed and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today to ask that you support both Proposed Bill No.134 and Senate Joint Resolution No.22. Both of these bills support the continued funding of clean energy investments funded through the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority, CEFIA.

The Home Performance Alliance of Connecticut, (HPACT) is an industry association comprised of contractors that perform home energy audits and home diagnostic testing, as well as the services that follow the testing, such as, installation of solar units, insulation, air quality remediation, heating and cooling equipment, air sealing, and much more. A large portion of our members' customer base are Connecticut residents looking to improve their homes' energy usage and thus participate in several financing programs offered by CEFIA .

Our small businesses rely heavily on CEFIA funding programs, such as low rate financing, to help their customers afford the investments in home improvements that save energy, lower energy bills and make their home more comfortable. We would also support that this legislation be extended to include funds for the CT Energy Efficiency Fund also. We encourage the Energy and Technology Committee members to support these proposed bills so that CEFIA can continue to leverage public and private funds to drive investment and scale up clean energy deployment in Connecticut.

Thank you for your time and attention. Should you require any further information or have any questions at all, please let me know. HPACT is readily available to assist the Energy and Technology Committee with any further questions or clarifications. I can be reached at 860-916-3554 or via email, tlavoie@thereslink.com.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theresa R. Lavoie".

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