

Dear Members of the Energy Committee,

I am a resident of Hampton and chair of the Hampton Green Energy Committee. We as a community pride ourselves in our efforts toward energy efficiency and use of renewable energy. I am writing to encourage your support HB 5412 "An Act Concerning Shared Clean Energy Facilities" currently before your committee. We have just completed a very successful Solarize campaign In Hampton. Many residents have taken advantage of state incentives for solar on their homes, but the majority of Hampton's homeowners cannot access the solar incentives because they do not have a suitable site for solar on their own property.

This act will enable all energy customers to participate in shared clean energy facilities and receive credit on their utility bill for their portion of the clean energy produced. Passage of the act will not only benefit those of us who live in rural parts of the state with tree-shaded homes, but also renters, condo-owners, in urban and suburban Connecticut. With the passage of this bill, they can benefit from the state's clean energy programs which they contribute to monthly in their electric bills. I urge you to vote yes to this legislation which will expand the options for clean energy facilities in Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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