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Energy Committee
Connecticut Legislature
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RE: Testimony in Support of House Bill 5412

Dear Energy Committee Member,

I am a resident of Simsbury, Connecticut, a member of People's Action for Clean Energy and a prospective member of our local Clean Energy Task Force. I am extremely excited that you are reviewing House Bill 5412, "An Act Concerning Shared Clean Energy Facilities."

I want to tell you that we in Simsbury have strong interest in developing a shared solar facility. We have a group of citizens who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to put solar panels on their own property and are interested in investing in a shared solar farm. Initial discussions with our town leaders have been constructive and we look forward to being one of the first towns to put this new bill into practice.

It is essential that new clean energy facilities collaborate with utilities to ensure a fair allocation of all costs associated with the generation, transportation and distribution of electricity. However, we must not allow the utilities to limit or block these facilities from forming. By supporting this legislation without caps or limits, you will be enabling the gradual buildup of distributed electricity generation. As a result, our utilities will adapt to serve the needs of this changing landscape.

One day, our children and grandchildren will ask us if we did all we could to prevent damage to our planet from fossil fuels. House Bill 5412 is an important step we can take to ensure their future.

Thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful bill,



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