

Testimony In Support of HB 5412,
An Act Concerning Shared Clean Energy Facilities

Dear Energy Committee Members,

I am one of the many Connecticut property owners which cannot access affordable clean energy because my property is not a suitable site for renewable energy, at least not without significantly altering the visual appearance of my property which, in and of itself, would devalue the worth of my property to potential future buyers.

My interest in and support of the above referenced House Bill is much more than self- serving. The act would 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 benefit renters, condo owners, residential and business property cooperatives and single family homeowners with tree-shaded or otherwise unsuitable homes and enable us/them to directly benefit from the state's clean energy programs we/they contribute into by means of our/their utility bills.

Further, the proposed bill benefits everyone in the state by reducing the need to run expensive and polluting power plants at peak times when solar works best.

I thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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