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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015 TESTIMONY FROM CATCHIN RAYS SOLAR IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED S.B. NO. 730 AN ACT PROHIBITING HOMEOWNER OR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS FROM INTERFERING WITH OR PREVENTING INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS AND PROPOSED H.B. NO. 6435 AN ACT STREAMLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS.

My name is Chris Stapleton and I am owner/employee of CatchinRays 2 LLC. Our company is based in Trumbull, CT where we employ 15 workers and utilize a variety of subcontractors who are all based in Connecticut. Our diverse sub-contractors include web developers, electricians, engineers, steel workers, and daycare workers to name a few.

Established in 2013, CatchinRays Solar is a privately held company with fifteen regional employees who represent over 30 years dedicated to renewable technologies including solar photovoltaic (PV) in Connecticut. The Trumbull staff manages over 3 Megawatts (MW) of solar PV in an array of locations spanning from homeowners to large industrial facilities.

Like any enterprising company, we are always looking to improve our process or other aspects of the business. Therefore, we audited the permitting process in over 80 towns in the state in the hope of developing a permitting process. I have listed some of the major time consuming issues PV installers face every day:

1. Of the locations surveyed, 23 required a customer signature.
2. Towns require between 1-4 permits ranging between \$50 to \$500.00 each.
3. 21 towns say applications can only be attained/submitted in person (not online, not faxed, and no digital signatures).
4. A lack of consistent hours of operation. I pay someone to drive around every week for 8+ hours gathering or distributing multiple applications.
5. Every application is a variation leading to more time completing.