

Members, Environmental Committee:

I am writing to express my support of H.B. 5733 divesting Connecticut from oil, gas, and coal investments.

Continued investment of tax dollars in polluting energy companies which are contributing to climate change is not in the best interests of Connecticut citizens. Our tax revenue dollars should be diverted away from polluting companies and rather invested in clean and renewable sources of energy. Not only are clean energy technologies better for the environment but they will also provide a great number of new high technology jobs for the state going forward. As the significance of climate change becomes more and more evident, the pace of solar, wind, and other renewable technology growth will increase dramatically, while at the same time growth of dirty energy technology will diminish dramatically. As a State, we should get ahead of the curve and invest in clean energy technologies, not the antiquated dirty energy technologies of the past.

I urge passage of H.B. 5733. We must take serious action to combat climate change and passage of this bill will represent a significant step forward in that effort. I will be so proud of our state leading the way in this important cause!

Thanks for your time and consideration of my views.

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