



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015 TESTIMONY FROM Bob Dortenzio 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 Bob Dortenzio and I'm the owner of Sun-Wind Solutions, llc. We are a Fairfield, CT based company that designs, installs and provides consulting services for renewable energy products including Solar PV, Solar Thermal and Wind.

We have been a CEFIA / CT Green Bank certified installer since 2011 and we welcome any and all efforts to streamline processes and requirements, but this must be done in a manner that ensures quality, integrity and reputation. Prospective solar customers must feel confident and secure in making their decision to implement clean energy initiatives.

The Solar PV permitting process in Connecticut is a bit cumbersome as it stands right now. The requirements and processes vary widely from jurisdiction to jurisdiction as do the fees. An expedited, streamlined and consistent process would not only make the process easier and less time consuming, but it would also result in savings passed-on to the end users. These savings would mean a greater and more attractive ROI for solar adapters and would help support Governor Malloy's initiative to bring an additional 300MW of solar to CT rooftops by 2020. Please SUPPORT HB-6435.

I urge you to support SB-730 which would NOT allow condo associations and private / gated communities to bar property owners from installing solar. Many locations have favorable site conditions to support a solar installation and we feel these owners should be afforded the same accessibility to the solar market that private homeowners enjoy.

I urge you to OPPOSE SB-63 that would allow homeowners to qualify for incentives on a self-installed solar project. As an installer I have to deal with the sometimes rigorous requirements to qualify for and secure the various incentives, but the current system works. It ensures that the projects are being completed in a manner that guarantees quality, safety, and code standards. Under this current system, the CT Green Bank maintains leverage over certified contractors by controlling the incentives and requiring that minimal expectations are met. Though the current system adds to our responsibilities, we welcome the requirements because we want to see the industry grow in a controlled and well-respected manner. We all have an obligation to deliver quality products and services and to satisfy customer expectations.

Thank you for your considerations on the above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Dortenzio', written over a horizontal line.

Bob Dortenzio