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Dear Committee Chairs Senator Doyle and Representative Reed and Members:

Please support Raised Bill SB 928 which encourages the installation of shared renewable energy.

As recording secretary and long-time volunteer for the all-volunteer organization, People's Action for Clean Energy (PACE), I strongly support Raised Bill SB 928 and hope you will too. We have worked hard, and successfully, to inform many citizens of Connecticut of the value of choosing renewable energy sources, and low-impact and low-energy design strategies, as our citizens construct or buy new housing.

Many people in Connecticut, who have had the circumstances and means to "go green" in their building and energy choices have done so, in large measure, because of the work we have done to inform the public about various energy options, and to demonstrate the value of awake and responsible energy decisions. We, and so many others working in alignment with these principles, have been so successful that renewable power is becoming a more and more valid economic choice for those who live in appropriate circumstances.

Genuinely green energy sources have always been the right environmental choice. And for the past few decades, genuinely green energy has been the choice that offers the most energy-resiliency, security, and safety for our citizens and for our state in the long-term.

Raised Bill SB 928 would allow more of our citizens, whose property is not currently well-suited to effective green energy installations, to participate in the resilient, safe, healthy, forward-looking, and (with the help of this bill) cost-effective systems of energy generation, without taking money from our state's budget.

Finally, Raised Bill SB 928 is a jobs bill - one that would provide work opportunities within the state, allowing local people to contribute their labor to their neighbors well-being and to their state's security, as they earn income for their own families. Clearly, this bill, if passed, will enable more money to circulate within our state, rather than be pumped out of our state's economy into outside entities.

I strongly urge this committee to support the swift passage of Raised Bill SB 928.

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