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The Energy and Technology Committee

To Committee,

As a result of reviewing information I received from the Sierra Club, I am writing to urge you to pass a strong SB 928. I agree with their message.

Connecticut needs more in-state clean energy to meet our renewable energy goals, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to prevent air pollution, and to power our economy by creating new jobs.

We must move on to using plentiful, clean energy sources like solar and wind. SB 928, An Act Concerning Shared Clean Energy Facilities, will establish a program to allow homeowners with shaded roofs, renters, condo dwellers, and business that lease space to participate as subscribers in a solar installation, or other shared clean energy facility, whether it's next door or across town.

More clean energy, produced in Connecticut, will add jobs to Connecticut's economy, reduce energy costs, clean up our air, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and have positive public health impacts in communities burdened with poor air quality.

I am in the process of installing solar panels on my roof, but am appalled at the fact that I'm not allowed by the electric company to put enough solar panels on my house to actually cover all of what I use!

Everyone should have access to locally produced clean energy. Please pass SB 928, and make sure the final language is strong and effective.

Sincerely,

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