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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.

We also believe that homeowner associations should not be allowed to block individual condo or home owners from installing solar panels. Two bills have been filed this during this session that would accomplish this. Please include those provisions in this bill.

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.

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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