

Dear Energy Committee,

The roof on my home is configured in such a way that prevents me from economically installing solar panels on it.

Because I want to do my part to reduce the scorching of the climate I am **currently paying extra** to an electrical generation company to support solar and wind.

To become more committed to sustainable energy, indeed to save money, what I need is to be able to tap into shared, or community, solar. Because most homes in Connecticut are also not suited to put solar panels on their roofs, Connecticut too needs shared solar.

I learned from the engineers who installed the solar farm over the parking lots at the Woodbridge Jewish Community Center that United Illuminating resisted even meeting with them and delayed arranging the necessary hookup and inspections. I learned that UI similarly resisted hooking up a solar array for Easton's Samuel Staples school. The state of Connecticut and its representatives must stop such obstructionism in its tracks.

Shared solar is being successfully implemented in other states. I urge the Energy Committee to put aside all the arguments that allow delay or disposal of shared solar and move quickly to adopt regulations that rapidly grow shared solar in our state. The quicker Connecticut moves to sustainable and renewable energy sources the more quickly we can help the planet.

In particular, I understand that HB 5427 has provisions, such as requiring less than lifetime contracts with the power utilities, that make shared solar uneconomical.

I urge you to remove all obstacles to the success of implementing shared solar and to promote a consumer and producer climate that allows residents of CT and the state itself to do our part to save the climate and reduce our energy expenses at the same time.

Thank you,

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