

Dear Legislative Committee Members,

My wife and I are senior citizens residing in Tolland. We are in support of any program that maximizes the ability of sharing solar generated electricity in Connecticut.

After interviewing several contractors, we have been advised that our home is not suitable for the installation of a rooftop photovoltaic system. The finding is that we can't effectively add sufficient insulation without re-siding the entire house and replacing all the windows. Additionally, our neighbor's row of large, old maple trees that provide their property with privacy from the road, blocks the sun from the direction that our solar panels must face. One of the large national solar companies viewed our property from satellite imagery and turned us down as well.

Aside from our personal preferences and inability to afford solar, Connecticut needs to join the rest of the nation in renewable energy generation if we care to stay competitive in business and are truly concerned with the long range safety of our citizens and the environment. Nationally and internationally, we are quickly falling behind in the conversion to the way of the future. An aggressive shared solar program would be a major step forward for Connecticut.

Thank you for considering our testimony.

Respectfully,

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