

Regarding HB 5427, shared solar bill:

I strongly urge you to support a full-fledged solar program for our state, as recommended by the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering, rather than the pilot program. So many of us want to do our part to reduce greenhouse gases, yet we cannot install solar panels on our roofs because we have too much shade or do not own our own houses. The energy distribution companies should not be permitted to deny us this opportunity.

When so many other states have already implemented such programs it makes no sense to waste time with a pilot, especially if the pilot is not designed to succeed. The 15-year guarantee by the utilities to purchase solar power is not long enough, given the 25-30 year lifespan of the equipment. Please consider replacing the pilot with a well-designed long-term solar program.

Sincerely,

Marie Cantino

122 Dog Lane

Mansfield, CT 06268

marie.cantino@gmail.com