

Dear Energy and Technology Committee members;

Please support SB 630, to strengthen and extend Connecticut's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), which requires utilities to get a gradually-increasing percentage of energy from renewable sources, beyond 2020.

Please oppose SB 106, which would undercut our rapidly growing solar and wind industries by potentially allowing nuclear power to co-opt their incentives.

You can get the message to Connecticut's leaders that global warming isn't going to magically end in 2020! Tell them you want to strengthen requirements for more renewables because it is critical to your family's health and Connecticut's economy.

Background on Connecticut's Renewable Portfolio Standard and why action to strengthen it is so urgent.

1. Problem: The Renewable Portfolio Standard targets end in 2020.
Solution: State leaders need to extend these targets to 2050 and add interim targets along the way. To slow climate change, we must ramp up clean energy like solar and wind rapidly. Connecticut **MUST** get at least half of its energy from renewable sources by 2030.

2. Problem: Connecticut's Alternative Compliance Payments (ACP), fines imposed on utilities that do not to comply with the RPS, are the lowest in the region. This hurts Connecticut by encouraging electric suppliers to sell their renewable energy to other New England states at a higher price.

Solution: Connecticut legislators must increase the fines to encourage the utilities to follow the law.

3. Problem: ACP Funds are not currently generating more growth in renewables.

Solution: The fines must be directed to clean energy and efficiency programs that have a proven track record of creating jobs and growth in renewables while reducing CO2 emissions—it's the best investment Connecticut can make right now!

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