

Dear Environment Committee member,

The stakes are too high to delay action on climate change. I write to ask that you support--and do what you can to move forward--the acts described below that would tackle carbon pollution.

SB 7

You must ensure science-based policymaking will continue in Connecticut by strengthening climate, energy, and coastal and flood management statutes:

- a. Emissions analysis shows Connecticut's climate pollution has been rising since 2012. We need to get Connecticut back on track to meet our state 2050 climate mandates under the Global Warming Solutions Act. We need an interim target of a 45% reduction in GHG emissions by 2030. This target will also create badly needed jobs and revenue for the state.
- b. Make Connecticut a more effective climate watchdog by requiring energy planning to consider impacts on climate and greenhouse gas emissions through a comprehensive climate and energy strategy and a permanent council on climate change.
- c. Prepare Connecticut for sea level rise using the most up-to-date projections by the Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation.

HB 5363

Please support setting a price for the dirty carbon emissions that pollute our air. You can take a step further and allow some of these revenues to be returned to those most burdened by the high electric bills and pollution that come from our reliance on fossil fuels, through strategic reinvestment in clean energy and energy efficiency in low-income communities.

SB 345

Climate change is based in science and affects every aspect of our lives. Make climate change part of Connecticut's public schools curriculum so our children can more effectively address the links between human activities and climate change.

I have twin daughters; I wish we were being better stewards of the earth so all of our children and future generations would have the benefits and avoid the pain that might come if we don't act. Please support sustainable, renewable energy future by strengthening and voting for SB 7, HB 5363, and SB 345.

Sincerely,

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