

Dear Environment Committee member,

It is time for bold climate action. The sooner we tackle carbon pollution, the sooner the state will start reaping the health, safety, environmental, and economic benefits that follow. We must recommit Connecticut to proactive planning and concrete actions towards a healthier climate.

SB 7

Science-based policymaking must continue in Connecticut by strengthening climate, energy, and coastal and flood management statutes. 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.

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 urge you to do the right thing for not only my family, but for all residents of Connecticut—please put us on a positive path to a sustainable, healthy, and renewable energy future by strengthening and voting for SB 7 and SB 345.

Sincerely,

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