



TOWN OF HAMDEN ENERGY USE & CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION

**Environment Committee
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SB345 An Act Concerning Climate Change Education in Connecticut Schools

I am Martin Mador, 130 Highland Ave. Hamden, CT. I have a Masters in Environmental Management from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. I have served as the legislative and political chair for the Sierra Club in the state for a decade, and have submitted testimony on 400 bills. This testimony is submitted in my role as Chair of the Hamden Energy Use and Climate Change Commission. The commission, created by town ordinance in 2005, has voted to endorse the following.

Science has taught us well that climate change is altering the planet, and not for the better. Connecticut first ran a bill mentioning this in 1990. We feel the science curriculum of every school must include climate change, as it is certain that it will influence the habitability of the place for students growing towards adulthood. Ensuring students understand the process, the implications, and the choice of remedies is important.