

Dear Members of the Energy & Technology Committee:

As a small scale solar developer in CT, I have spent the last 10 years doing all I can to promote solar power in CT. My companies install, own, and operate small solar power systems on not-for-profit buildings and grounds. Our customers cannot afford to divert funds from their mission oriented programs and cannot take advantage of tax incentives as they are tax exempt organizations. They appreciate their role in helping combat the emission of climate changing gases as well as their slight discount on the cost of electricity. Their constituents (congregations, students, program participants, and municipal taxpayers) help promote the solar technologies they see on their buildings and grounds.

All of us must make every effort to combat climate change for the benefit of future generations who will witness catastrophic consequences if we do not take serious action. Government has the ability to initiate the programs necessary to effect climate saving results if it can resist the efforts of powerful Utilities whose interest are at odds with combatting climate change. I am completely in favor of studying the effects of solar power in CT, but not at the expense of timely action that is so needed, especially when the results of such a study are a foregone conclusion. Solar power and other renewable energy options must be promoted with every tool in the toolbox if the planet is to survive as we know it.

Thank you for your consideration.

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