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RE: G.B. No. 882 AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND HOME ENERGY AFFORDABILITY.

Senator Norman Needleman
Representative David Arconti
Senator Gary Winfield
Representative Raghiv Allie-Brennan
Senator Paul Formica
Representative Charles Ferraro
Members of the Energy and Technology Committee

The Governor's Bill, Section 1 (a) (3), includes this language: "Not later than January 1, 2040, to a level of zero percent from electricity supplied to electric customers in the state..." This is very problematic. It says that if we don't use the electricity, somehow we didn't produce the gases.

While it isn't specifically mentioned, the obvious instance of electricity being supplied to out of state customers is the proposed Killingly power plant. Perhaps there are or will be other instances. It is pointlessly dishonest to ignore the greenhouse gases that will be produced at Killingly. They will originate in our state. Everyone will see them as Connecticut's contribution to the climate crisis. We will benefit from the tax revenues and employment opportunities. And we have the ability to prevent this plant being built.

At a minimum, I urge you to remove Section 1 (a) (3) from this bill. Our well-being depends on reducing greenhouse gases, not on blaming them on the other guy.

Greenhouse gases do not respect boundaries. The urgent issue is dealing with our rapidly growing climate crisis. To that end, I urge you to do whatever you can to keep the Killingly plant from ever being built. That would be Connecticut's great contribution to today's children and other living things. But let's not play pretend with our numbers.

Thank you for your help with this.

Sincerely,

Ralph Jones

cc: Senator Looney, Representative D'Agostino