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CGA - Energy and Technology Committee

Re: Public Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 882 - with changes

Dear Chairs Needleman and Arconti, dear Vice Chairs Winfield and Allie-Brennan, dear Ranking and members of the Committee,

Please accept my public testimony in SUPPORT of SB 882 - with changes.

Governor Lamont's Executive order #3 is highly commended and much needed, and it's about time that the legislature codify this order.

However, I urge you to please clarify that 100% of all energy PRODUCED AND USED in Connecticut will be renewable by 2040, not only the one we use, but also any energy generated in the state. The idea that we ourselves procure and consume only green energy, but still have polluting fossil fuel plants generate dirty energy for the ISO-NE region, is a night mare! CT already is on the receiving end of energy generation emissions and other pollution from upwind states, we are a non-attainment area for EPA ambient air quality standards; especially the I-95 and I-91 corridors have some of the worst air quality in the nation, Hartford and Bridgeport rank in the top ten of asthma and other lung disease causing dirty places to live.
So why on earth would we pollute our beautiful state and poison our kids, our parents and ourselves even more with burning fossil fuels? Especially if we don't even use the energy? CT is already an energy exporter, we should rather clean up our act, and invest in distributed energy generation, storage, and grid upgrade - *that* would benefit CT energy consumers!

So please, yes, support and pass SB 822 - with an amendment that clarifies that ALL energy, produced, transmitted, and used in CT needs to be 100% renewable by 2040. Support grid efficiency and demand response improvements, and require Home Energy Labels on electric bills for transparency and affordability, as proposed in this bill, and do so in an equitable way!

Thank you for your consideration,
Respectfully,

Adelheid Koepfer