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To: Connecticut Energy and Technology Committee;

Re: March 4, 2021 Hearing Testimony in support of Governor's Bill No. 882 (An Act Concerning Climate Change Mitigation and Home Energy Affordability), Raised Bill No. 952 (Act Concerning Certain Solar Energy Projects), and Raised Bill No. 6423 (An Act Concerning Virtual Net Metering Credits for Manufacturers in Distressed Communities).

My name is Andrew Peklo and I am representing Pomperaug Hydro located in Woodbury CT. I am the FERC licensee of a small 90 kw Hydro Project looking to start construction this year. With the clean energy movement finally being noticed and promoted every renewable energy source should be included in the mix. Small Hydro can be a valuable part.

Bill 882 seeks to establish a 0% carbon emissions by 2040 and with the right economic environment Small Hydro can be part of achieving that goal.

Bill 952 seeks to expand the existing Virtual Net Metering program. This program has been successful and provides the economic environment needed for new and existing Hydro projects.

Bill 6523 also seeks to expand the existing Net Metering program in conjunction with manufacturing facilities. Promoting renewable energy and manufacturing is a win-win situation.

For those of you are not familiar with small hydro, these are some of the positive things small hydro projects can provide; Fish an EEL passage, stream trash removal, preservation of historic building and sites, in house manufacturing, recreational

opportunities (fishing and boating), local education about renewable energy, and all without carbon emissions. The key is having the right economic environment. These three bills help with providing the needed economic environment.

Please see Attached CSPPA's Testimony 3-2-21 Gen Statues Chapter 283 with underlined wording that would help small hydro have a seat at the renewable energy table.

Thank you,



Andrew Peklo