

Dear Chair Needleman and Chair Arconti, Vice Chair Winfield and Allie-Brennan, Ranking Member Formica and Ferraro, and distinguished members of the Energy and Technology Committee:

My name is Lisa Stein, and I am a Middletown resident and Wesleyan University student. I am writing to urge members of the committee to support and amend **SB-882: An Act Concerning Climate Change Mitigation and Home Energy Affordability**. I am writing to you on behalf of the young people whose voices are not taken seriously within the spheres of political power where the important decisions are made that will affect their lives forever. I am an early childhood educator, and I work with young people who are terrified of the disastrous results the climate crisis will wreak on our planet. They are aware of the fact that people are already suffering and that those communities are disproportionately filled with people of color. To adults, this is a complicated and political matter. To children, this is simply unfair and unacceptable. I plead you to listen to the wisdom of these children and find creative ways to turn the tide, because in reality, this really is unfair and unacceptable. We must, and I believe we will, take action against the climate crisis.

Necessary amendments to the bill are as follows: require all electricity supplied and generated within the entire state to be 100% zero-carbon by 2040, require a 2050 net zero carbon dioxide equivalent emissions target, require a moratorium on the construction of new fossil fuel power plants statewide, and ensure that the DEEP commissioner cannot alter emission reduction targets or determine CT's emission levels in a manner that is inconsistent with scientific data.

I implore the Energy and Technology Committee to amend SB-882 to include the changes I have requested and to subsequently pass it.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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