

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm submitting this testimony in relation to the Tropical Storm Isaias Response and Electric Utility Rate Increases.

Time and again, we have seen that the heavy focus in Connecticut on fossil fuels to meet our energy is not what we need, and it does not move us forward.

An important step in creating a sustainable future for our state is to return our electric grid to the public. It should not be held hostage by fossil fuel interests but operated only with ratepayers and the environment in mind. The state should focus its resources on supporting the development of more microgrid systems — ones that are based on clean, renewable energy.

Solar, wind, and other such energy generation systems should be increased and incentives to put use the systems strengthened. Start by expanding the RSIP program and also commit to solar net-metering until 2022. And most definitely, repeal the pipeline tax! There should be absolutely no handouts for the fossil fuel industry.

Please do the right thing for the people of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

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