

Honored Chairs Sen. Needleman and Rep. Arconti and Distinguished Members of the Energy and Technology Committee

We have seen in the past couple of months, years, decades utility companies are failing ratepayers in CT. The July 1 rate increase and response from the tropical storm Isais are less than satisfactory. In 2020 we have the knowledge & technologies to work with current social-economic, ecological conditions that have become apparent during the coronavirus pandemic. We need collective energy, effort, and regulations for a just society. CT must demand that our policies and investments in our public utilities align with our state's climates goals.

For the past several months I worked to get Region 18 school district to commit to 100% clean energy by 2030. In order to get their many people needed to understand the impact fossil fuels are making and how to shifting off them is an attainable goal. On June 3, 2020, Region 18 made a commitment to 100% clean energy by 2030 by turning their attention to the feasibility of electric school buses, air-source heat pumps, and changing the source of electricity. We need the support of our utility companies to help us get there.

I strongly endorse the following provisions as part of taking back the grid:

- Expand Energy Storage
- Expand the Residential Solar Investment Program
- Keep solar net metering until 2022
- Clarify the property tax exemption for solar and storage
- Repeal the Pipeline Tax

We have the knowledge and technologies and choice. Let's take the necessary steps to shift towards a genuine public utility that works with the ratepayers and with the earth's systems with are all reliant on. Thank you for your consideration as you deliberate on this legislation.

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