

Fossil fuels are on their way out. Our energy policy should reflect this. As a consumer who owns 2 cars that are 100% electric and who has solar panels on our roof, I know that renewable energy is the way forward. To reflect this the Energy and Technology Committee needs to:

- ***Expand energy storage.*** The only way we can increase renewable energy procurement, including offshore wind, solar, hydropower etc. is to expand storage. Without it we will lack the necessary infrastructure to expand renewable energy to meet our goals.
- ***Expand the RSIP*** to provide more economical solar options to homeowners and lower the burden on the grid.
- ***Continue solar net-metering as is until 2022.*** This will allow PURA to focus on other grid modification efforts instead of a rushed and unnecessary net-metering successor program.
- ***Clarify the property tax exemption for solar and storage.*** Without this clarification, towns will continue to improperly assess property taxes on residential solar which will hurt the solar market.
- ***Repeal the Pipeline Tax.*** Connecticut should require legislative approval for all new gas infrastructure to protect consumers from costly, polluting, and unnecessary fossil fuel infrastructure.

Thank you for considering citizens' input.

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