The environmental damage done by all the electricity use is extensive. The push for solar, where available, is harmed by the rates not being high enough. People who think they can't afford solar may have not looked into green loans, considered a possible tax credit on replacing a roof if it is bad shape, or seen how there is now subscription solar available by Tesla (no contract term, and no fee to stop using it unless seeking panel removal, but just a monthly fee that should be lower than what you'd otherwise pay for electricity). IOW, this is the year \*\*\*2020\*\*\*, and we've finally reached a point where the vast majority of people can have solar instead of our mix of electricity production (per Eversource, this includes COAL!!!), regardless of income. I strongly recommend being a part of the pollution solution and save \$ in the process, as well as to inform <u>pura.information@ct.gov</u> (is that the right email???) that they should increase electricity rates. And for anyone who's situation makes solar impossible, perhaps they should be granted not only not getting a rate increase, but a discount if in need.

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