

Dear Energy and Technology Committee member,

I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB 10: Climate Change Recommendations. It will enable us to meet the mandates already on the books for decreasing greenhouse gases. It will authorize the state to procure up to 300,000 megawatt hours of energy storage and will allow Connecticut to adopt California's tailpipe emission standards for medium- and heavy-duty trucks.

Connecticut fails to meet federal health standards for smog. We need bills like SB 10 to meet our goals for greenhouse gas reduction as well as improve the quality of our air. And it will have a beneficial effect on our economy.

I also STRONGLY SUPPORT HB 5350: Natural Gas Infrastructure Accountability. It requires PURA to monitor the condition of natural gas pipelines, making the gas companies repair or replace pipelines so methane doesn't leak out and add to greenhouse gases. It also allows DEEP to get proposals for biogas. And it removes the gas pipeline tax. Residents should not be paying to support gas pipelines. We need to get rid of them, not support them.

And I SUPPORT HB 5008: High Performance Green Building Standards (HB 5008) SB 5008 allows towns to adopt a high-performance standard that lowers the environmental impact of buildings. CT DEEP will develop a cost-effective standard that reduces the greenhouse gas emissions that come from our homes, workplaces, and public buildings, which accounts for 40% of greenhouse gases. In addition, future utility bills will be lower because of these standards. This approach has already been successful in New York and Massachusetts; over 270 towns in Massachusetts have chosen to reduce their carbon footprint with high performance standards.

These three bills will help improve Connecticut's air quality and public health, help the state to meet its greenhouse reduction requirements, and spur job growth in Connecticut's burgeoning green economy.

Sincerely,

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