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Subject: **Support HB 6551**: An Act Concerning Environmental Air Quality

I support HB 6551: An Act Concerning Environmental Air Quality. It will create a working group to identify disadvantaged communities and amend the environmental justice statute to enable disapproval of new facilities that will adversely affect the air quality of those communities.

In 2019, the American Lung Association ranked Connecticut as being the 10th most polluted state, giving us an "F" rating for ozone. Poor air quality causes respiratory illnesses and residents of our large cities bear the brunt of those illnesses. Businesses that worsen the problem should not be permitted in those locations.

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