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March 5, 2021

Re: Raised H.B. No. 6551
AN ACT CONCERNING ENVIRONMENTAL AIR QUALITY

To the Committee on Environment,

I support HB 6551: An Act Concerning Environmental Air Quality to ensure that Connecticut receives clean, non-polluting energy that protects the public health of our most vulnerable populations, as well as meaningful reduction of the state's greenhouse gas emissions.

My name is Sara Holmes and I am a licensed architect working and living in Chester with my husband and 7-year-old son. I grew up in Connecticut and I have a strong bond with its landscape, environment, and resources.

Please also include environmental standards for new data centers that could also land in overburdened communities. These concerns were raised in response to RAISED H.B. No. 6468: AN ACT CONCERNING INCENTIVES FOR QUALIFIED DATA CENTERS TO LOCATE IN THE STATE. Because data centers are one of the most energy-intensive building types, it is critical to mitigate the energy and emissions impacts.

Connecticut must address the climate crisis by taking every measure possible to meet climate goals. Meet our state's greenhouse gas reduction mandate under the Global Warming Solutions Act and meet Governor Lamont's Executive Order for 100% zero-carbon electricity by 2040.

Please vote in support of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my views with you today. And thank you for the work you do on behalf of Connecticut's residents.

Sincerely,
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