

Dear Environment Committee:

We installed solar panels on our home at a great expense eleven years ago. I have driven a hybrid vehicle for fourteen years.

I would like to see the state do its part. Therefore, it is very important for the health of our state that you amend HB6551to:

- : ● Prohibit diesel or fossil fuel back-up power to protect environmental justice communities.

- Require the most energy-efficient servers

- Require that construction of data centers meet a net-zero, all-electric standard

- Require that data centers conserve water by requiring air cooled or closed loop water systems

- Require buildings be heated with waste heat from the data center, and allow excess heat to be used for thermal energy storage and or community heating needs

- Require data centers to meet sustainability goals of the municipality in which they are located. CTLCV urges the committee to SUPPORT HB 6551 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. Thank you for considering these recommendations to strengthen this legislation.

Thank you,

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