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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Governor's Council on Climate Change
Email: deep.climatechange@ct.gov

RE: Comments of the Sierra Club to the Governor's Council on Climate Change

Dear Members of the Governor's Council on Climate Change:

On behalf of the Sierra Club and our more than 36,000 members and supporters in Connecticut, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the meeting of the Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3) on June 5th. As the GC3 moves forward to implement Senate Bill 7 and prepare a report including recommendations to reduce climate pollution, we reiterate our continued support for a number of the measures discussed by the GC3:

- 1) improving energy efficiency by protecting and increasing funds for the Conservation and Load Management plans¹;
- 2) continuing the growth of clean renewable energy, consistent with the recently increased renewable portfolio standard, to reach 100% before 2050, with an emphasis on wind and shared/local solar resources that create the most economic benefits for the state and region;
- 3) defending federal clean car standards, and partnering with other states in the region to limit pollution from motor fuels and provide sustainable funding for electric vehicle incentives and other investments in clean, modern, and accessible transportation options²;
- 4) ramping up incentives and programs to speed deployment of efficient heat pumps, including through building codes, standards, and training³; and
- 5) ending subsidies for increased oil, propane and gas used for heating, as well as sprawl and vehicle miles traveled.⁴

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/climatechange/gc3/public_comments_/berman_11_29_16.pdf

² http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/climatechange/gc3/gc3_meeting_12_21_16/kresowik_1_11_17.pdf

³ http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/climatechange/gc3/gc3_4_13_17/kresowik_5_4_17.pdf

⁴ http://www.ct.gov/deep/lib/deep/climatechange/gc3/kresowik_9_29_2016.pdf