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**From:** Willow <willsir@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 12:54 PM  
**To:** DEEP ClimateChange  
**Subject:** Comments re: Governor's Council on Climate Change

I would like to commend Governor Malloy for establishing his Governor's Council on Climate Change and giving this subject the serious attention it deserves. I wish to make the following comments.

As a lifelong Connecticut resident, I would like to see more being done to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and attain or exceed our mandated climate change reduction goals. I believe it is critical for Connecticut to transition away from its reliance on fossil fuels in favor of renewable sources of energy. I strongly believe more could be done to provide incentives for renewable energy sources like solar power. In my travel overseas, I have seen that sun and wind power are used much more extensively in Europe and South America than they are here. I believe the U.S. is falling quickly behind and that the opportunity exists not only for Connecticut to be a leader in this arena, but to take advantage of an emerging alternative energy industry.

I also believe investment in public transit should be a high priority. I would like to see monetary incentives for zero-emission vehicles to spur their adoption on a wider scale. As a homeowner and tax payer, I would be willing to pay higher state taxes to see such changes implemented. As a mother, I would like my child to inherit a world where the climate change effects are less severe than where we are currently headed.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns.

Sincerely,

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