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To: DEEP ClimateChange
Subject: comments regarding climate change planning

Unfortunately I am unable to attend the Governor's Council on Climate Change meeting this afternoon but I am submitting comments by email. I am a resident of Hartford, a member of Hartford's City Advisory Commission on the environment and a former board member of the Interreligious Eco-Justice Network. I am strongly convinced that addressing climate change is a moral issue and not just a scientific concern. I am currently reading "The Sixth Extinction" and I strongly feel that we must do all we can to slow, and hopefully arrest the progress of climate change.

In particular, I believe that Connecticut must transition away from fossil fuels to renewable sources of energy like solar. There should be more emphasis on supporting renewable energy and less focus on developing natural gas availability. It is essential for the state to authorize shared solar as soon as possible. Shared solar allows residents to access solar power, even if they rent or have shady roofs. We must also modernize the electric grid and invest in clean, distributed energy resources. Electrifying the transportation system is also a high priority, as transportation accounts for about 40% of the state's emissions. Zero-emission vehicles, mass transit, and transit-oriented development should be included as key components of the state's comprehensive transportation plan.

Sincerely,

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It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is the most adaptable to change--Charles Darwin

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