

To Whom It May Concern:

As you must know, climate change is one of the greatest threats facing our environment. The consumption of fossil fuels has had and continues to have a tremendous negative impact.

The State of Connecticut should take the lead in moving to renewable energies. Shared solar initiatives and similarly effective strategies should already be in place. The CT DEEP should be encouraging such moves. They should take a role in educating the public and promoting renewable energy sources.

Unfortunately, the State, with Governor Malloy's urging, is still focused on converting facilities to natural gas claiming that this is somehow more environmentally friendly than burning oil and coal even though studies have shown this not to be the case. Also, over 50% of current gas available comes from fracking which is an extremely toxic process which destroys entire tracts of lands, pollutes wells, causes health problems for nearby residents, and so much more. There is just nothing good or acceptable about fracking.

SUPPORT FOR NATURAL GAS = SUPPORT FOR FRACKING

Connecticut has always considered itself one of the most highly educated and forward thinking states but policies like this show that we should not be patting ourselves on the back. Policies supporting natural gas expansion and methane pollution our outdated and do not benefit the residents of Connecticut. We need our government employees and representatives to do better.

I urge you to support the creation of a new energy for Connecticut focused on renewable energy. Why can't every home and business in Connecticut be powered by solar? Now there's a worthwhile goal. Connecticut could work towards becoming an exporter of solar electricity. That would be a truly wonderful thing that we could all take pride in.

Sincerely,

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