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Environmental and energy organizations urge Governor Lamont to advocate for clean climate and green economy

HARTFORD, CONN. – Over 30 leading environmental, energy, and electric vehicle organizations and businesses submitted [a letter](#) to Governor Lamont today requesting his support and advocacy for Connecticut’s clean climate and green economy and asking him to encourage agency leadership to work towards bold, concrete action for a vibrant and environmentally sustainable Connecticut.

The letter highlights Governor Lamont’s campaign promises and policies outlined by his transition groups that would lower dependence on fossil fuels and spur Connecticut’s green economy. It stresses the bipartisan support from legislators for increasing offshore wind, keeping solar power competitive, stopping natural gas waste, and increasing energy efficiency in the current legislative session, and contrasts that momentum with apparent pushback from key agency leaders:

“...we are concerned by recent indications that agency leadership in your administration, such as the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, is pushing far more conservative approaches that do not reflect the need for urgent climate action. Without these important initiatives, not only will we lose existing jobs, Connecticut’s green economy will slow and we will not meet the state’s 2020 and 2030 greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets.”

Specific issues raised in the letter include remedying the energy efficiency and clean energy funds raids, advancing electric vehicles and clean transportation, purchasing offshore wind, protecting solar energy and net metering, and repairing leaking gas infrastructure and ending the pipeline tax.

View the letter [here](#). Signing organizations and businesses are:

- 350 CT
- Acadia Center
- Ashford Clean Energy Task Force
- Canton Energy Committee
- ChargePoint
- Clean Water Action
- Citizens Campaign for the Environment
- Connecticut Citizen Action Group
- Connecticut Fund for the Environment/Save the Sound
- Connecticut Green Building Council
- Connecticut League of Conservation Voters
- Connecticut Roundtable on Climate and Jobs
- Consumers for Sensible Energy
- Eastern CT Green Action
- Efficiency For All
- Energy Efficiency Solutions
- Energy and Environmental Security Strategies
- EV Club of CT
- Fight The Hike
- Green Eco Warriors
- MSL Group, Inc.
- New Haven Energy Task Force
- Northeast Clean Energy Council
- People’s Action for Clean Energy
- Plug In America
- Portland Clean Energy Task Force
- Sierra Club Connecticut
- Simsbury Clean Energy Task Force
- Vote Solar
- West Hartford Clean Energy Commission
- Wilton Go Green, Inc

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