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Connecticut Environment Committee
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

SUBJECT: HB 1281 AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY ON THE NEED FOR EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOLAR PANELS AND WIND TURBINE BLADES

Dear Members of the Connecticut Environment Committee,

On behalf of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SECOG), I am writing to express **support** for HB 1281, which calls for DEEP's Commissioner, in consultation with PURA, to study the need to establish extended producer responsibility programs in the state for discarded solar panels and wind turbine blades. [SECOG's Legislative Agenda for the 2025 Session of the General Assembly](#) identifies solid waste disposal as a priority item for legislative action, specifically highlighting the need for expanded EPR programs.

As residents and businesses seek to incorporate solar panels as a more sustainable energy solution and as wind farming advances as an industry specific to the southeastern region of Connecticut, it is imperative that we be proactive about planning for the reuse and eventual disposal of these materials and their impact on the waste stream, environment, and public health.

Through the adoption of this bill, we hope to better understand the options for and efficacy of EPR for solar panels and wind turbine blades and how we can regionally plan for future policies and best practices.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to support this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda E. Kennedy".

Amanda E. Kennedy, AICP
Executive Director