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## ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Dear Neighbor,

I am proud to see Connecticut embracing innovative ideas and taking assertive steps to help us address our environmental and energy challenges. As House Chair of the Energy & Technology Committee, I worked with my colleagues in the legislature, to pass measures that will lay the ground work towards sustainable green initiatives. Making investments in renewable energy and green technology will help us achieve long term energy goals. I am encouraged by the steps we are taking to create new and viable career opportunities, benefit the environment and help protect our planet for generations to come.

As always, it is a pleasure and honor to represent you at the State Capitol. Please contact my office with any and all questions.

Sincerely,

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## GREEN ECONOMY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFF SHORE WIND

This measure will lead to the deployment of solar energy in our state and increase green jobs and economic activity by extending renewable energy programs, including traditional net metering and extends the Green Banks renewable solar investment program.

Other provisions include:

- The creation of a statewide Green Jobs Career Ladder website for jobs in the green technology industry.
- Promoting the construction of high performance green state buildings that have reduced emissions and conservative water resource management, as well as promote sustainable and regenerative meter cycles.
- Takes steps to allow our municipalities to reduce their energy costs by expanding the virtual net metering cap.
- Requires the Department of Transportation to put together a land inventory on which lands are suitable for Class I energy resources like solar energy on lands adjacent to state highways.

Greener days for energy production are on the horizon for Connecticut with the passage of legislation that will authorize the procurement of energy derived from offshore wind! I am extremely excited to have been instrumental in leading this conversation and reaching enough bipartisan support to get this important legislation moving forward. This measure will generate enormous economic potential in a field of green energy that remains untapped in Connecticut.

The passage of this legislation positions the state to grow as a leader in green energy technology and ultimately transform the state's net zero carbon energy portfolio into a new maritime industry. Not only will this measure make a positive impact in sparking economic growth, but it will create good-paying jobs, lower energy costs for ratepayers, and promote economic development in our state. It is a fact that offshore wind energy will grow rapidly during the next few years and what better time for our state to lay the foundation for what is to come. Several other countries have already implemented offshore wind production and it's good to know that Connecticut is ready to join in.

