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# ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Dear Neighbor,

Connecticut is embracing innovative ideas and taking assertive action to address our environmental and energy challenges. I was excited when Danbury's own Rep. David Arconti, chair of the Energy and Technology Committee, took the lead in crafting bipartisan legislation to meet the challenge. This year the General Assembly laid the groundwork for sustainable green initiatives. We're making the investments in renewable energy and green technology that will help our state achieve long term energy goals, and build an economy for the future. We created new and viable career opportunities, benefited the environment, and helped protect our planet for generations to come.

As always, keep in touch. Don't hesitate to contact me on this or any other issue or concern. Your advice is valuable.

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## GREEN ECONOMY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Public Act 19-35 will lead to the deployment of solar energy in Connecticut. It will provide for new green jobs, and will boost our economy. This legislation extends renewable energy efforts, including net metering (selling back electricity to the grid) and Green Bank investments.

Other provisions include:

- Creating a statewide Green Jobs Career Ladder website for jobs in the green technology industry.
- Promoting the construction of high performance green state buildings that reduce emissions and conservative water resource management.
- Allowing our municipalities to reduce their energy costs by selling electricity back to the grid.
- Requiring the Department of Transportation to put together a land inventory of lands suitable for Class I energy resources like solar energy on lands adjacent to state highways.

## OFFSHORE WIND

Greener days for energy production are on the horizon for Connecticut with the passage of PA 19-71 that will authorize the procurement of energy derived from offshore wind! 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.

