100% Renewable Energy for 100% of the People

Connecticut has a choice. We can be a leader in renewable energy technology, creating new jobs, lowering energy prices and stabilizing our climate, OR we can continue the status quo of using and expanding gas pipelines and other dirty energy projects that keep us dependent on fossil fuels, damage our air quality, exacerbate climate change and make our residents less safe.

Join us on Nov. 21 at 12:00 noon at the State Capitol on 210 Capitol Avenue in Hartford to tell Governor Malloy that we demand clean, renewable energy controlled by the community, and challenge his support for more fracked gas pipelines through our state.

Communities around the country are already moving to 100% renewable power. Currently, the city of Burlington VT is powered almost entirely by renewable power or renewable energy credits. The city gets only 0.01% and 0.06% of its electricity from gas and oil respectively. The rest is supplied by wood, hydro, wind and solar. Studies by Stanford professor Mark Jacobson, available at TheSolutionsProject.org, illustrate how every state in the USA can transition to 100% renewable energy with current technology. These technologies not only can reduce pollution and danger but will create secure jobs, more than 60,000 in construction and operation in Connecticut alone.

Transitioning to renewable energy not only benefits Connecticut but is the single greatest factor in combating climate change, which has wreaked havoc on our state, country and the world. The global initiative Economics of Land Degradation estimates that in the next 10 years, desertification caused by climate change will create 50 million new refugees. Drought and desertification will cause a loss of arable land, decline in global food production and increase in food prices, will threaten water quality and availability, and is already causing the loss of tens of thousands of species of plants and animals per year. Locally, we have experienced a billion dollars in damages in Connecticut from three major storms; May 2015 was a record breaking hot and dry month in many towns in our state; reptiles and amphibians are disappearing; the maple sugaring season is approximately half its historic length. Slowing climate change is an environmental, economic, and ethical necessity. We must leave all fossil fuels in the ground if we are to avoid the most catastrophic results of climate disruption, and transition rapidly to 100% renewable sources of energy.
Connecticut needs an immediate plan to transition to renewable energy, and all shale gas expansion projects must be halted. We call on our legislators to implement the following initiatives:

Repeal of financial and political support for all fossil fuels, including fracked gas infrastructure;

A comprehensive federal and state plan for a rapid transition to 100% renewable energy with guaranteed green jobs for fossil fuel workers and a focus on career opportunities for low-income communities;

An end to environmentally racist policies that put the burden of pollution on disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Please join with us in Hartford on Nov. 21st to tell our governor: Stop ratepayer subsidized fracked gas infrastructure expansions, retire the coal and nuclear plants, ramp up efficiencies, and develop clean and carbon free energy sources now! Additionally we demand a Saturday meeting of the Governor’s Council on Climate Change so working people can participate. We will gather to tell Gov. Dannel Malloy “Hey Governor Malloy - Your energy policy is fracked!”

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