

# SHARED SOLAR

Local support will win solar for all!

## Everyone agrees:

“We need more clean energy—to save our planet and get control over high utility costs.

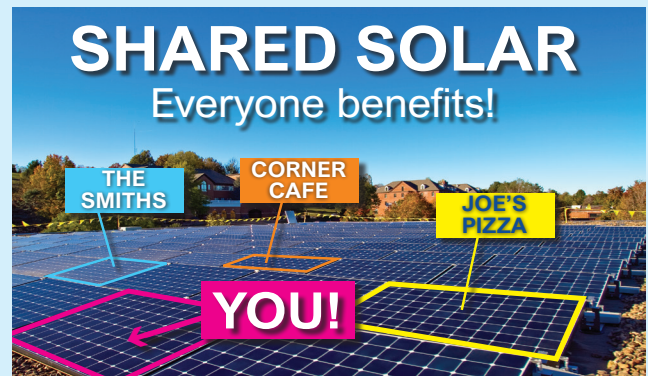
“We all pay for solar through our utility bills—we should have equal access.

“It’s not fair that only people who can install solar on their homes can go solar.

“CT is missing out—shared solar is booming in states like NY and MA.

If we all agree, why don’t we have shared solar in CT? Because opponents, especially the utility companies, are powerful at the state Capitol.

We’ll win shared solar by demonstrating support for it in towns across the state. A great way to do that is to pass resolutions at the town and city level. Resolutions express support for shared solar and ask representatives at the Capitol to support it too.



## FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS TO GET YOUR TOWN ON BOARD!

### Do this:

- 1** Read model resolutions and some that have passed already. Adapt them to your town.
- 2** Check with your Clean Energy Task Force, Energy Commission, or Conservation Commission. Often the best place to start is a town committee focused on energy.
- 3** Elected town leaders or town managers can advise on how to introduce a resolution if there’s no obvious community board.
- 4** Attend the next meeting of the task force or town council and ask for approval of your resolution. A simple statement is all it takes. A task force will likely support it and send it to the town council for review.
- 5** Follow up! If it’s referred to a committee, attend that meeting and be prepared to provide information and answer questions. Follow the resolution’s progress so it doesn’t get lost.

### Here’s how:

- ➔ Visit [ctenvironment.org](http://ctenvironment.org) or email [sharedsolar@ctenvironment.org](mailto:sharedsolar@ctenvironment.org) for factsheets and resolutions.
- ➔ Go your town’s website and look under Boards and Commissions. Skim recent minutes and agendas for background. Check the members—you might know some people—and the meeting schedule.
- ➔ Visit your town website to check who is on your local board/council to see if you know anyone. Call the town manager or clerk for advice on process.
- ➔ For background on the issue, check out CFE’s Shared Solar page [bit.ly/sharedsolarCT](http://bit.ly/sharedsolarCT). View or download the shared solar presentation at: [bit.ly/sharedsolarinfo](http://bit.ly/sharedsolarinfo).
- ➔ Keep us informed about your progress. Let us know how we can help! Call David Desiderato with questions: 860-508-0107.

# CONNECTICUT IS MISSING OUT

## What is Shared Solar?

Shared Solar, also known as community solar, lets anyone with an electric bill participate in a portion of a larger solar array. Savings are automatically credited on electric bills. With Shared Solar, everyone benefits!

Connecticut has long been a solar leader, but nearly eight out of ten residents are unable to take part in the clean-energy economy. That's because the vast majority live in homes that are not suited for traditional rooftop solar because they rent, live in multi-family housing, or their roofs are too small and shady. For low-income residents, the challenges to accessing solar at home are particularly acute.

Fortunately, the General Assembly can finally unlock the power of clean, local energy for all Connecticut residents and businesses this session by passing SB 336, which establishes a statewide shared solar program.



## Support SB 336 to Create a Statewide Shared Solar Program

- SB 336 would allow 300 megawatts of shared solar—the same size authorized for residential rooftop solar.
- SB 336 proposes a flexible compensation structure to allow for quick ramp-up of projects while instituting a sustainable, cost-effective structure for the long-term.
- SB 336 supports access to solar for low- and moderate-income customers by setting a goal that they'll be at least 20 percent of customers, and requires CT DEEP, CT Green Bank, and other state agencies to develop supports that ensure the shared solar program works for low-income customers.
- SB 336 includes opportunities to expand solar access (and resulting energy bill savings) to small businesses, many of which do not own their own property or share a roof with other businesses.

SB 336 will create and retain thousands of jobs and generate new tax revenues for our municipalities, while helping to meet Connecticut's ambitious climate change goals.

### Good for Our Wallets

- Lower electric bills
- Stable, predictable costs
- Technology that lasts

### Good for Our Planet

*One home going solar equals:*

- Not driving 14,800 mi/yr, or
- Not burning 600 gal. oil/yr, or
- Planting 159 trees per year.

### Good for Our Economy

- ~3,000 solar jobs in CT in 2017
- Lowers costs for businesses
- Generates tax revenue

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