

ATTN: Connecticut Siting Council

It has come to my attention that Distributed Solar Development LLC (DSD) is preparing to file with the Siting Council to begin construction of a solar facility at 360 Gaylord Mountain Road in Hamden. I am writing to you in opposition of this project.

A number of concerns have been raised by a neighborhood opposition group and my constituents surrounding this proposed development.

Preliminary engineering designs of the facility call for near 15 acres of woodlands to be leveled for the placement of an undisclosed amount of solar panels. This "deforestation" will wreak havoc on storm water, wildlife, property values, and aesthetics, not to mention DSD's call for destruction to our Hamden community is made to benefit New Haven.

As addressed in a letter to neighbors that would be affected by the construction, DSD indicates the "3MW DC /  $\pm$ 1.7 MW AC of clean renewable energy..." will be utilized at Gateway Community College. While it is clear students from Hamden attend Gateway Community College, the facilities directly benefiting from Hamden owned property are located in New Haven.

While clean energy is the future, I vehemently oppose this projects approval. We need to be smart about the initial groundwork for clean energy, and how cities and towns can utilize their own resources in order to avoid a faulty foundation for the future of energy in our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josh Elliott', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Representative Josh Elliott  
88th General Assembly District