

Dear Governor's Council on Climate Change,

I would like to add a few comments on two topics. Even though I am a member of the Clinton Town Energy committee all the comments listed below are my own and are not those of the committee.

**a) The need to better coordinate and assist all the Town Energy Committees in CT.**

I feel that there needs to be a serious coordinated effort to reach out to all the Town Energy Committees in CT. After all we are the people on the ground trying to implement the majority of the EnergizeCT programs. At a minimum we should have at least one if not two major conferences a year where we can learn from each other and network. For the most part we are all working in isolation and are only in contact with neighboring towns. Also there needs to be better communication to the towns about what is going on at the State level, what new energy programs are out there, deadlines for various energy saving programs. Does the GC3 committee even have a mailing list for all the towns to keep them up to date as the work you are doing? Personally I only found out about the CG3 by accident.

**b) Energy Technology R&D**

One area it seems that CT is lagging behind is in the area of R&D for new energy saving technologies and ways help start up companies get off the ground.

a) MA has places like GreenTown Labs <http://greentownlabs.org>

b) NY has Urban Future Labs <http://ufl.nyc/>

We have several major resources here in CT , lots of high tech companies, educated and skilled workforce and several top universities. There is no reason why CT cannot be part of the technology solution to climate change.

We should be looking into tax incentives and economic business zones to encourage this type of technology here in CT.

Thanking you in advance for your time and consideration,

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