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Connecticut Siting Council  
Ten Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

**RE: Petition No. 1104**

Dear Connecticut Siting Council Members,

I am State Representative Charles "Don" Clemons Jr. and I represent the 124<sup>th</sup> District, which includes Bridgeport's East End and East Side neighborhoods.

As a life-long resident of Bridgeport, I'm proud to have helped move projects like Steelpointe and Pleasure Beach forward. These projects show what is currently happening in Bridgeport. After years of broken promises, our city is finally moving forward with job creation, land use and tax base growth.

The Green Energy Park project serves as a perfect example of how Bridgeport is getting beyond the sins of its past and moving toward a stronger and more prosperous future.

It involves taking unused property – which more specifically is a shuttered landfill – and turning it into a hub for clean energy production. This project will give Bridgeport an opportunity to move towards a greener future by creating jobs and increasing our clean energy use, which helps kids breathe easier.

A clean energy project is exactly what Bridgeport needs to focus on to helping the vast array of kids who are unfortunately suffering from asthma and other respiratory ailments. Bridgeport has some of the highest asthma rates in the state. A project that generates virtually no air pollution,

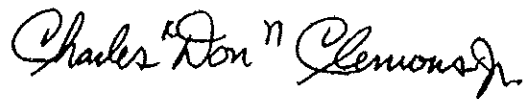
powering 5,000 homes, will go a long way in helping our city reduce asthma rates for our kids and grandkids.

In addition to helping our kids breathe easier, the Green Energy Park offers a significant economic benefit to Bridgeport. This project will create up to 92 jobs and is expected to earn the City of Bridgeport \$7 million in tax revenue over the course of its lease. That's great news for our state's largest city.

By turning an old and unused landfill into a hub for clean energy production, we'll create high paying jobs right here in Bridgeport while powering thousands of homes with clean energy. And, by investing in cleaner energy, our kids will breathe cleaner air.

Members of the council, I support this project and urge you to support this project as well. Very few projects in our city – or in our state – represent a better investment in the future. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles 'Don' Clemons, Jr." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Charles "Don" Clemons, Jr.  
State Representative – 124<sup>th</sup> District