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RE: Petition No. 1104

Dear Siting Council Member,

I am State Representative Dr. Charles Stallworth and I represent the 126th District, which includes Bridgeport. I serve as pastor of the East End Baptist Tabernacle Church, and I am a strong supporter of Green Energy Park.

I am speaking as a man of faith, as a humble community leader, as a state legislator and as a parent.

Let me say this simply: This project makes sense. As a pastor, I work every day to ensure the spiritual wellbeing of my church members. As a state legislator and proud Bridgeport resident, I work every day to try to improve the health and welfare of my neighbors, constituents and all city residents.

That is why I wholeheartedly support this project. I have a deep investment.

We have two pollution-producing highways that run through our city. One runs directly through my district. The other, Interstate 95, runs directly by my church.

Today, we collectively have an opportunity to make a change.

No, we cannot move the highways. But imagine taking an old, unused garbage dump and finding a way to generate enough clean energy to power 5,000 homes.

It is here. We just need to reach out and grab this opportunity. As a state representative, I have advocated for better health care for our residents, better services for our veterans, better education for our children and stronger support for families who have children with special needs.

Today, I am advocating for a project that will make the air that our kids breathe in Bridgeport cleaner. I am supporting a project that won't cost our taxpayers money and in fact will generate \$7 million in revenue for the city.

In church and in my community, I talk to parents about being role models for their kids, about leading by example so our next generation will find success.

This project is an opportunity for our city to lead by example, and to be a model city around the region, showing what can be accomplished if we think creatively. Imagine this: in Bridgeport, we'll be powering 5,000 homes while reducing asthma rates for our kids and creating new jobs that our residents need.

To the Siting Council, I strongly urge you to approve this project. It simply makes sense.

Sincerely,

Rep. Charlie L. Stallworth
126th District Bridgeport