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It's Time We Start Benefiting from Climate Solutions

- And Stop Pretending Climate Change Isn't Real

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A changing climate is impacting our quality of life, even in beautiful Sherman and New Fairfield. Heat wave after heat wave with bad air quality means many of us can't go outside and have to go to greater lengths to stay cool. Stronger and more frequent storms mean more power outages, more storm damage to our homes, more expensive generators, and more flooded basements. The water temperature in Candlewood Lake is rising, according to the Candlewood Lake Authority.

Like MAGA Republicans, my opponent Pat Callahan says there is no need to address climate change, which is why the CT League of Conservation Voters ranked him in the bottom quartile of House members. He voted against a bill that would help our state access federal funding for climate change and mistakenly claims that EVs move emissions from "tailpipe to smokestack".

Callahan is simply wrong. A 2024 Bloomberg report - one of many - concludes: "EVs really are cleaner than gas cars" both in terms of how they are produced and the power they use. Why is Callahan trying to tie people to gas cars, when gas is only going to get more expensive and its impacts more severe?

It's time to stop pretending that climate change isn't real. It's time to stop bearing the costs of cli-

mate change by ourselves. The sooner we get our State to commit to the transition to a clean energy future, the better for all of us - for our wallets, our economy, our health, and our future.

For example, Connecticut, along with Rhode Island and Massachusetts, are coordinating contracts for 9 gigawatts of offshore wind by 2030. Under these contracts, developers will cover the upfront costs of construction and interconnection. Ratepayers will pay the cost back over time through electricity bills, which are estimated to go down, according to an independent study done by Synapse Energy Economics.

Not only will this wind project reduce residential electricity bills, it will cut 42% of annual CO2 emissions from the New England power sector, making all electricity - including that used by EVs - even cleaner. Other benefits include avoiding roughly \$362 million annually in health care costs associated with air pollution.

I understand that the transition to a clean energy future can seem daunting, but it doesn't have to be. With the right leadership and innovative solutions, we can create a brighter, sustainable future for everyone in our beautiful part of Connecticut. Vote for me, and together, we'll make this vision a reality.

As always, let me know what you think - please reach out at www.anneforstaterep.com or 860-717-2428.



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