Congress of the United States

Washington. DC 20510

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Melanie Bachman Acting Executive Director Connecticut Siting Council Ten Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051

Re: Petition No. 1184 – Beacon Falls Energy Park, LLC

Dear Ms. Bachman,

We write in support of the Beacon Falls Energy Park development project under consideration in the town of Beacon Falls. This project, when completed, will bring extraordinary benefits to the community and region through its clean energy generation, economic development of a former industrial site, and manufacture and use of Connecticut-based fuel cell technology.

Once completed, the Beacon Falls Energy Park will be the largest fuel cell project in the nation – generating substantial energy for residential use while making significant contributions towards Connecticut renewable energy goals. FuelCell Inc., a Connecticut-based company, has a proven record of developing and installing clean energy fuel cell projects in communities across the state, helping to bring new energy options to markets and demonstrating the significant capacity for this technology's benefits.

Connecticut continues to be a national leader in developing renewable and clean energy alternatives, and the Beacon Falls Energy Park promises to be the latest in a series of successful fuel cell projects. Its reuse of an industrial site is consistent with the goal of rehabilitating such sites and restoring them to economic viability. We understand some minor issues have been raised regarding the site including water main capacity, noise, and light, and that those issues are being worked on by all parties. Resolution of those concerns can be addressed by the Siting Council through conditions on any approval of the application.

The Beacon Falls Energy Park project is an extraordinary opportunity to expand the use of clean energy on a large scale, giving Connecticut residents a strong example of alternative energy sources to meet current and future energy demands through a community compatible use of a formerly polluted property. Therefore, we fully support this project and ask for the Council's full and fair consideration of the application.

Sincerely,

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United States Senate

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