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Make a clean energy choice for cleaner air

Dear Editor:

Only four years ago Connecticut's legislature made history by cleaning up the Sooty Six power plants, despite steadfast opposition by plant owners.

Industry lobbyists recently approached the legislature with a plan to site new coal plants, one possibly for Middletown. While cleaner than an old coal plant, it would be far dirtier than the clean energy systems that both Middletown and Portland have committed to through the 20 percent by the 2010 Clean Energy Campaign.

Thankfully, it seems that legislative veterans of the Sooty Six campaign squashed that idea for now. But we'll be seeing more of these proposals unless people exercise their choice in energy sources.

We, as energy consumers, can help set up an energy sys-

tem without large, dirty power plants and the supply and transmission lines that come with them. Join us by making the choice to have your electric bill dollars support clean energy by going to www.gocleanenergy.com (also with your upcoming electric bill).

The ramifications of today's energy choices are clear. Clean, renewable energy systems continue to fall in price and rise in efficiency. They do not depend on foreign fuel or create pollution.

Energy from the sun and wind will be available forever. That's a claim most of our current power sources can't make.

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