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Testimony to

The Environmental Conservation Budget Hearing  
Executive Budget Appropriations for 2021 - 2022  
The Honorable Liz Krueger, Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
The Honorable Helene Weinstein, Chair, Assembly Ways and Means Committee

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The Green Sanctuary Committee of Albany UU is pleased to have the opportunity to submit this testimony to the Joint Budget Hearing for Environmental Conservation.

Our testimony is straightforward: **We strongly support the proposals by the Sheridan Hollow Alliance for Renewable Energy (SHARE), as presented in SHARE's own testimony to the hearing.**

The mission of Albany UU's Green Sanctuary Committee includes education, advocacy, and actions toward preservation of the global environment on which all life depends. We work to make the Earth sustainable, both in individual lives and through activism at the local, state, national, and global levels to address the climate crisis. We act in accord with the seventh UU principle, *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part*. We seek to bring forth environmental justice for groups and communities that have suffered a long history of subjection to pollution, in accord with first and second UU principles, *The inherent worth and dignity of every person*, and *Justice, equity and compassion in human relations*.

Since SHARE was formed in 2017, several Green Sanctuary members have participated in its work, including education and advocacy in the local community and with members of the legislature and state authorities and agencies. In October 2017, Albany UU's Board of Trustees voted to endorse SHARE.

We are pleased to support the SHARE proposals to the Joint Budget Hearing and urge that the Assembly and Senate give them their fullest consideration for inclusion in the FY 2021 - 22 budget.

