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Support

Raised H.B. 5008 – An Act Concerning the Establishment of High Performance Green Building Standards for Voluntary Adoption by Municipalities

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding **An Act Concerning the Establishment of High Performance Green Building Standards for Voluntary Adoption by Municipalities, H.B. 5008**. The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) welcomes the opportunity to offer the following ***supportive testimony***.

Connecticut's ambitious decarbonization targets require significant greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions across all sectors. Collectively, GHGs from the residential, commercial, and industrial building sectors represented over one-third of the State's total emissions in 2016. Measures to decarbonize the building sector, such as the voluntary residential and commercial building construction standards to be developed by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) pursuant to § 16a-38k of the General Statutes of Connecticut, are an integral part of a comprehensive, economy-wide GHG mitigation plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this proposal. If you should require any additional information, please contact Taren O'Connor at 860-827-2689 or taren.oconnor@ct.gov.

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