

Testimony Before the Energy and Technology Committee

In support of
**S.B. No. 10, AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING
CLIMATE CHANGE**

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Dear Co-Chairs Norm Needleman and David Arconti and Members of the Energy and Technology Committee:

I fully support of Proposed S.B. No. 10, An Act Concerning Certain Recommendations Regarding Climate Change.

This legislation seeks to address the climate crisis by setting Connecticut on a path to 100% clean and renewable electricity while authorizing the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection to adopt California's emissions standards for medium and heavy duty vehicles.

By amending the Global Warming Solutions Act to require the elimination of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from electricity generation serving customers in Connecticut by the year 2040, this bill strengthens our state's commitment to providing leadership in climate action. Given the paralysis at the federal level, it will be state legislation that hopefully keeps planetary warming to less than 2 degrees centigrade over the next 10 years. I support aggressive climate action because we are already experiencing the effects of climate change.

This bill also addresses the need to reduce emissions from transportation, the largest source of GHG emissions in Connecticut. The state has long followed California's standards for cars and light-duty trucks, but this would extend more stringent regulations to larger vehicles.

I urge the Committee to pass the bill and help Connecticut continue to provide regional and national leadership in climate action.

Respectfully submitted,

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