

**Testimony in Support of: SB 10 concerning Clean Energy; HB 5350 concerning Natural Gas Infrastructure; HB 5348 concerning a study on Community Choice Aggregation**

**To:** Honored Co-Chairs Sen. Needleman and Rep. Arconti and Distinguished Members of the Energy & Technology Committee

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**SB 10 Clean Energy:**

I would like to register my strong support for this bill which gives DEEP the purchasing authority to invest in substantial storage. A transition to a clean energy future will have to have a significant storage component to make sure electrical demand can be met as needed. The bill will make major efficiency and air quality improvements in the transportation sector by requiring reductions in tailpipe emissions. Our air across the state is one of the worst in New England in the summers. Reductions in ozone will improve the health of Connecticut residents. In addition transportation is responsible for a huge percentage of our greenhouse gas emissions and any transition to clean energy must include major improvements.

**HB 5350 Natural Gas Infrastructure:**

The best way to make real strides toward ameliorating the growing problems of climate change is to make structural changes. While I feel good about having bought an electric car and signing up for renewable sources of electricity, I know that personal changes like these are not going to make a huge difference. That is why we must be bold and get behind a real commitment to get off our fossil fuel diet through big structural changes. This bill offers such an opportunity. Rate payers should not be taxed for new gas pipelines across New England. We need to say “No more!”

In addition, there is no excuse for allowing pipeline leaks to continue. Since the utilities can just bill ratepayers for loss of fuel, there is no incentive for them to fix these leaks of methane, which we now know is such a big contributor to the greenhouse gas problem.

**HB 5348 Community Choice Aggregation Study:**

Since this is something that a number of states have already adopted in order to give towns and cities more leverage in finding clean sources of energy, Connecticut should certainly be looking into this as yet another plank in our clean energy transition.