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Dear Finance Committee Chairs Fonfara and Rojas and distinguished members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Sierra Club Connecticut and our more than 40,000 members and supporters in Connecticut, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 5010.

HB 5010 An Act Concerning Revenue Items to Implement the Governor's Budget

Sierra Club Connecticut supports Section 8 of House Bill 5010 to end a \$3.6 million annual tax exemption for the Lake Road gas power plant in Killingly, Connecticut.

The climate crisis is here as evidenced by wildfires, rising temperatures, stronger storms, rising seas, and loss of species. This crisis calls us to take swift and meaningful action to reduce our use of fossil fuels which are responsible for the greenhouse gases that are heating our atmosphere.

Connecticut's Global Warming Solutions Act requires a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions to at least 45 percent below the level emitted in 2001 by 2030, and to at least 80 percent below the level emitted in 2001 by 2050.¹

If we are to achieve these mandated greenhouse gas emission reductions, we must curtail the use of fossil fuels and we should not be fighting against our own goals by encouraging or expanding fossil fuel use. To that end, Connecticut must stop providing a \$3.6 million annual tax exemption to a fossil fuel burning power plant. Sierra Club Connecticut urges you to support Governor Lamont's proposal to end this tax exemption this year.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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¹ Sec. 22a-200a of the Connecticut General Statutes