



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 10
AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING
CLIMATE CHANGE

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

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On behalf of CTLCV, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **IN SUPPORT of SB 10 An Act Concerning Certain Recommendations Regarding Climate Change.**

This legislation is imperative to keep Connecticut on track to becoming a leader in effectively tackling the climate crisis. In 2019, Connecticut stepped up and made bold moves in clean energy procurement with 2000 Megawatts of offshore wind energy, and further moved the dial with Governor Lamont's Executive Order 3 to secure a 100% carbon-free electric grid by 2040. SB 10 builds on these successes.

Not only does SB 10 codify into law Gov. Lamont's Executive Order 3, the bill also addresses the need to **reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector**, the leading contributor of emissions in Connecticut. This bill would align Connecticut's tailpipe emissions standards with those of California, which are the strongest in the nation.

SB 10 provides procurement authority for the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for up to **300,000 Megawatt Hours of energy storage, demand response, and energy efficiency**. Energy storage is arguably the most critical need for Connecticut to address as part of our transition to a clean energy future with increasing amounts of wind and solar power sources. And energy efficiency is clearly the easiest, most cost effective and equitable way to achieve our greenhouse gas reduction goals. The cheapest, cleanest energy is the energy we don't use!

CTLCV would like to see this legislation go even further by committing to 100% carbon-free goals for transportation and buildings. We urge lawmakers to consider adding carbon-free goals for those sectors to more comprehensively address climate change in Connecticut. CTLCV strongly urges you to SUPPORT SB 10 and position Connecticut as a leader on clean energy in the region and the nation.

Sincerely,

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