



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF **HB 5228**
AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN
ENERGY PROGRAM

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

From: Lori Brown, Connecticut League of Conservation Voters

On behalf of the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters (CTLCV), thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **IN SUPPORT of HB 5228** to expand the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy program (C-PACE).

HB 5228 would expand the C-PACE program's definition of "energy improvements" to include zero-emission vehicle charging infrastructure and resiliency measures. In the face of impending climate change impacts, these improvements are critical for Connecticut's long-term success.

The C-PACE program is a proven success. According to the CT Green Bank, in 2019 alone, C-PACE invested \$7.2 million in clean energy choices for Connecticut's commercial properties. Additionally, **there have been more than 270 C-PACE contracts with more than \$244 million in lifetime savings for commercial property owners since 2013.**

Expanding the energy improvements definition to include electric vehicle charging stations and resiliency efforts would dramatically increase C-PACE contracts in Connecticut.

We at CTLCV urge the committee to **SUPPORT HB 5228** to expand C-PACE to include zero-emission vehicle charging infrastructure and resiliency measures. Thank you for your consideration as you deliberate on this bill.

Sincerely,

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