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

February 25, 2020

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,

Lori Brown
Executive Director
CTLCV
553 Farmington Avenue, Suite 201 Hartford, CT 06105
ctlcv.org | ctlcv@ctlcv.org