



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1193**  
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**To:** Co-Chairs Sen. Needleman and Rep. Steinberg, and Distinguished Members of the Energy & Technology Committee

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **in support of SB 1193**, which seeks to reduce the maximum number of members of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) from five to three.

As electric rates have become a major focus over the past year, the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters (CTLCV) commends PURA Chairperson Marissa Gillett for her leadership.

**Under Chair Gillett’s guidance, PURA has prioritized utility accountability, consumer protections, responsible natural resource management, and forward-thinking energy solutions.**

PURA’s Equitable Modern Grid framework reflects a strategic approach to advancing Connecticut’s clean energy future. This framework outlines key objectives, including fostering the state’s green economy, ensuring a cost-effective transition to decarbonization, improving energy affordability, and enhancing customer access to a more resilient, reliable, and secure power system.

Currently, PURA operates with three members. **SB 1193 would formalize this existing structure by eliminating the unfilled positions, maintaining a streamlined leadership team.** We believe this approach will strengthen efforts to build a cleaner energy sector, help Connecticut achieve its 2040 decarbonization goals, and ensure robust consumer protections while holding utility companies accountable.

We urge this committee, the General Assembly, and Governor Lamont to continue supporting PURA and Chair Gillett in their current configuration that is working towards a sustainable and resilient energy future. We urge you to vote in favor of SB 1193 as a critical step in that direction.

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