

**Statement of
The Hartford Steam Company and TEN Cos.**

**Proposed Bill No. 368 AN ACT CONCERNING THERMAL ENERGY
TRANSPORTATION.**

Senator Fonfara and Representative Fontana and members of the committee, we appreciate the opportunity to submit this testimony to you today in opposition to Proposed Bill No. **368 AN ACT CONCERNING THERMAL ENERGY TRANSPORTATION.**

Mr. Chairman, my name is Derek Rudd and I am the General Manager of the TEN Cos. and the Hartford Steam Company.

We want you to know that we are opposed to this Bill.

TEN Companies Inc. and the Hartford Steam Company operate district heating and cooling systems within the city of Hartford, including the Capitol Area System and the downtown system. We have received a non-exclusive right from the state to install pipes in the public rights of way.

Under proposed SB 368 these private companies would become regulated entities.

We've been in business since 1962 and have enjoyed strong relationships with most of our customers. We have an extraordinary record of reliability. We are a small, well run business with approximately 30 employees, most of whom are union, selling to less than 50 commercial customers in Hartford. There is no proof that this bill as enacted will benefit our customers and may in fact increase the costs of service and therefore customer's costs for energy.

Thank you for your consideration.

If you wish further information from me please contact me at 548-7355

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