

***Testimony before the Planning and Development Committee in Support of
R.B. 5798, An Act Establishing a Tax Credit for Green Building
March 7th, 2008***

I support the Green Building Tax Credit Bill R.B. 5798. Connecticut needs to become more energy efficient. We have almost the highest prices for electricity in the USA and our gasoline and oil heating costs are among the highest in the nation. We need to rehab old buildings and build new buildings that reduce the need for more power and on the already stressed electrical grid. We also need to reduce our need for foreign oil. By encouraging transit oriented development and energy efficiency in the near future, Connecticut will be investing in a better future for its citizens while encouraging high paying blue collar jobs for Connecticut citizens, encouraging new skills (green building techniques) that will fuel future growth of Connecticut's economy. I encourage all my representatives to vote in favor of this initiative.

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