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Testimony of Lori Pelletier, Secretary-Treasurer of the Connecticut AFL-CIO

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Good morning Senator Fonfara and Representative Nardello and the members of the Energy and Technology Committee, my name is Lori Pelletier and I serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Connecticut AFL-CIO, and on behalf of 900 local union affiliates representing 220,000 union men and women from every city and town in Connecticut, thank you for holding this public hearing.

I am here to testify in support of Proposed H.B. No. 6000 AN ACT CREATING GREEN JOBS. Now more than ever we need to have Connecticut positioned as the leader when it comes to future job industries. Whether it was during the industrial revolution, the war effort in the 1940's or aerospace in the 1970's, Connecticut has always played a vital role in development as well as implementation of new technologies.

Green jobs are the new frontier. In aerospace for every job created there are three additional jobs in the community, as compared to every job created by Wal-mart the community actually loses two jobs. It is estimated that Green jobs could account for millions of additional jobs across this country and it is critical that Connecticut lead that surge. This proposed legislation demonstrates our commitment to these emerging industries, which with the current economic climate is perfect timing! We applaud the Energy and Technology committee for this legislation and if you have any questions I'd be glad to answer them at this time.

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