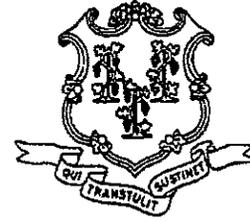




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Dear Energy and Technology Committee Members,

I write to you today to offer my testimony in support of SB 670. International Wire is the last functioning manufacturing facility in the Jewett City area and as such plays multiple roles of equal importance in our local economy. With manufacturing and industrial jobs having all but vanished in the Jewett City area, and State manufacturing jobs following suit with sharp declines of their own, approval of this bill would help to slow the reduction in valuable manufacturing jobs.

Approval of SB 670 would go towards encouraging the use of Hydro Power by manufacturers by offering them cost savings for the use of Hydro technology. The additional "green" benefits associated with the use of Hydro Power should not be dismissed either.

Financially, the credit against various demand charges would lower electric bills for manufacturers which should encourage job retention and ultimately, job creation. Although more action is needed in the State of Connecticut to lower energy costs, this bill is a positive step on the right direction.

Thank you for your time,

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