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Before the Connecticut General Assembly Energy & Technology Committee

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Written testimony opposing Raised Senate Bill 1133, An Act Concerning Innovative
Energy Technologies.

Senator Fonfara, Representative Nardello, and members of the Committee:

Environment Connecticut submits this testimony opposing SB 1133. This legislation appears to create a new tax credit for corporations that purchase a specific technology as defined in Section 1(a) of the bill. Section 1(c) of the bill then pays for this tax credit by raiding monies from the ratepayer-supported Conservation & Load Management Fund.

This fund, which supports the programs of the CT Energy Efficiency Fund, is already over-stretched. This diversion of revenue would undercut the ability of families and businesses to reduce their energy bills by participating in efficiency programs supported by the fund. Additionally, it would create a poor precedent of raiding the CL&M revenue for purposes potentially outside the current scope of the funds.

Environment Connecticut urges the committee to reject SB 1133 as currently drafted.

Sincerely,

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