



**Testimony of Thomas L. Byers
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In Opposition to HB 5160 (Petroleum Terminal Access Bill)

Good afternoon and thank you for this opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 5160, the petroleum terminal access bill. Magellan Terminals Holdings owns and operates several refined products terminals in New Haven, Connecticut and therefore we would be impacted by the passage of this legislation.

We echo and support the comments of the Connecticut Petroleum Council and Independent Connecticut Petroleum Association. Magellan's terminal operations are customer-driven and we do want to provide access to those haulers, heating oil distributors and other entities that are authorized to pick up the product that are owned by the companies with whom Magellan does business. However, Magellan has a responsibility to protect not only our terminal infrastructure but also our customers' products that are stored at our facilities. We also want to maintain the good reputation that we have within the petroleum products industry so that our customers know that their products will not be at risk while they are in our custody.

As a private property owner, Magellan has the right to deny access to anyone we choose and there are occasions when valid business reasons require us to do so. We should not be denied the ability to determine on a case-by-case basis who should be allowed onto our premises.

Thank you for taking our testimony into consideration. I'll be glad to answer any questions.