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The Connecticut Business & Industry Association

**TESTIMONY OF  
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BEFORE THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
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Good morning. My name is Eric Brown and I am associate counsel for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA's membership is comprised of thousands of businesses throughout Connecticut looking for us to help state government create a more attractive place for businesses to invest and thereby grow jobs and our economy.

CBIA appreciates this opportunity to provide comment on:

**Raised Bill 1042, An Act Concerning Energy Efficient Developments;  
and  
Raised Bill 1043, An Act Concerning Energy Efficient Data for  
Proposed Subdivision.**

CBIA supports efforts to increase energy efficiency through voluntary, incentive-based means.

Unfortunately, these two bills go too far as they: (1) mandate energy efficiency measures and (2) focus far too narrowly on expensive solar energy technology as the means to achieve energy efficiency.

Raised Bill 1042 requires applicants to zoning commissions to demonstrate that proposed developments are energy efficient, emphasizing passive solar technology as the primary means for making such a demonstration.

Raised Bill 1043 requires applicants to municipal planning commissions to demonstrate energy efficiency and that these demonstrations must include the use of passive solar technology.

**CBIA urges your committee to reject the mandatory nature of these bills and the obvious bias towards one type of energy efficiency technology.**

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.