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Written Testimony of Christopher Phelps, Program Director  
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Written testimony opposing SB 1074, An Act Concerning Test Bed Technologies

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

Environment Connecticut submits this testimony opposing Raised Senate Bill 1074. This bill appears to allow the Office of Policy and Management to disregard existing law regarding state procurement and require agencies to “test” energy products that may not otherwise be market-ready.

While this legislation appears to be intended to support energy technologies that have the potential for increasing the state’s use of energy efficiency and renewable energy, which is certainly a goal we support, it appears this would be effectively accomplished by requiring state agencies and taxpayers to bear the costs of field testing of such products and technologies.

Environment Connecticut suggests that the committee not approve this legislation without changes addressing these concerns:

- Require that companies benefiting from the field-testing of their technologies and products by state agencies be required to pay 100% of the costs of such testing.
- Require that no agency shall participate in such testing unless the technology or product being tested has been previously proven, as verified by an independent third party, to reduce energy consumption *and* energy costs, and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with such energy consumption.

Sincerely,

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