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**SB 1074 An Act Concerning Test Bed Technologies  
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Good Afternoon Senator Fonfara, Representative Nardello, Ranking Members Williams and Witkos, and members of the Committee. My name is Robert Silverberg, Vice President of Government Affairs for Morris/London.

I'm here to testify in support of Senate Bill 1074, An Act Concerning Test Bed Technologies. In recent months, I've been working with municipal leaders across Connecticut on an energy efficiency initiative in an effort to reduce their carbon footprint and decrease energy bill expenditures. In a time where municipalities are seeing diminishing revenue streams and forced to make decisions on eliminating programs and/or laying off personnel, the pursuit of savings has become paramount. This is not unlike the situation you in state government have been presented with.

The common theme amongst Mayors and First Selectman I've met with is that their energy costs are some of their largest expenses. They feel that advanced energy technologies with proven track records of success in the private sector need to be tested to see if they can achieve similar savings in their municipalities. And they need to be tested sooner rather than later because they need the savings sooner rather than later. Again, this is not unlike the situation you in state government have been presented with.

Through this legislation, the opportunity will exist for the State of Connecticut to look at the impact a number of these advanced technologies have had in the private sector and the energy savings they produce. I believe the key will be to not only look at the potential savings a product can produce, the significance of the R.O.I., and the product's impact on the environment.

A colleague of mine once stated, "The best kilowatt saved is the best kilowatt never used." After the passage of last year's Global Warming Bill, the State of Connecticut has demonstrated a genuine bipartisan desire to reduce the emission of green house gases associated with running our state. By passing 1074, Connecticut will once again be stating to the nation that we are leaders in the implementation of energy efficiency initiatives. And not just for the fiscal savings they produce, but because we're taking the lead to improve the environment we live in today, and for the next generation as well.

Thank you for allotting me the time to address the Committee, and I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.