

Testimony in Support of Raised H.B. No. 5465, *An Act Concerning the Development of Green Jobs*

I, Moses Boone, of The RE New Haven organization, write in support of Raised H.B. 5465, An Act Concerning the Development of Green Jobs, intended implement the recommendations of the speaker of the House of Representative's Green Jobs Working Group.

I support Section 5 of this bill to expand opportunities to improve the energy efficiency of the state's existing residential and commercial buildings by authorizing municipalities to issue Property Assessed Clean Energy bonds.

This strategy eliminates the prohibitive upfront cost of most energy retrofits, making them affordable to a wider range of property owners, and has the potential to create business for small energy companies at a time when such opportunities are sorely needed.

This is a proven program that is already succeeding in California, New York, Ohio, Vermont and eleven other states, and Connecticut needs to authorize it so that we don't lose out on potential federal funding.

This proposal is win-win: it costs the state nothing, makes retrofits accessible to homeowners, cuts energy use and stimulates local economies. I urge the members of the Committee to vote in favor of H.B. 5465.

Sincerely,

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