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**TESTIMONY OF ENVIRONMENT NORTHEAST
TO THE ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
H.B. 5466 AAC CLIMATE CHANGE**

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Good afternoon Senator Fonfara, Representative Nardello, Senator Witkos, Representative Williams and members of the Committee. My name is Jessie Stratton, Director of Government Relations for Environment Northeast (ENE). ENE is a non-profit research and advocacy organization that focuses on energy, air quality and climate change solutions for New England and Eastern Canada. ENE appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony to the Energy and Technology Committee on H.B. 5466 AAC Climate Change.

Connecticut has been a recognized leader in addressing climate change beginning with PA 90- and leading up to PA 08098 AAC Global Warming Solutions. The latter established mandatory GHG reduction targets for the state and charged various state agencies with developing strategies to achieve those reductions and already requires an in depth economic and environmental analysis of any proposed measures. Sec. 3 (a) of the bill says: "The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall, with the advice and assistance of a nonprofit association organized to provide scientific, technical, analytical and policy support to the air quality and climate programs of northeastern states: (1) Not later than December 1, 2009, publish an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions to establish a baseline for such emissions for the state and publish a summary of greenhouse gas emission reduction strategies on the Department of Environmental Protection's Internet web site. (2) not later than July 1, 2010, publish results of various modeling scenarios concerning greenhouse gas emissions, including, but not limited to, an evaluation of the potential economic and environmental benefits and opportunities for economic growth based on such scenarios."

ENE opposes H.B. 5466 and maintains that the provisions of PA 08-98 adequately address the balance between costs and benefits of reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the state.

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