



**CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

**H.B. 5507 – AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER PROTECTIONS IN THE
RETAIL ELECTRIC MARKET**

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**STATEMENT OF STEPHEN B. WEMPLE
ON BEHALF OF CONSOLIDATED EDISON SOLUTIONS, INC.**

Good afternoon. My name is Stephen Wemple and I am Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, at Consolidated Edison's Competitive Shared Services. I am here today on behalf of Consolidated Edison Solutions, Inc. ("**ConEdison Solutions**"), which supplies electricity, including Green Power, to all customer segments throughout Connecticut. **ConEdison Solutions** also provides a wide range of energy management services including traditional energy efficiency measures as well as price responsive and demand curtailment strategies to commercial and industrial companies.

ConEdison Solutions submits this statement today in opposition to H.B. 5507, which, if adopted, would eliminate information about customer choice from educational campaigns. There clearly has been significant progress in increasing customer awareness of the diverse products and services available from competitive suppliers as approximately 300,000 customers representing nearly 50% of the state-wide load have switched suppliers. However, given today's high energy prices, it would be a true disservice to the remaining customers to eliminate the low cost education and outreach that currently occurs and is funded by all ratepayers.

For the reasons expressed above **ConEdison Solutions** urges the Committee to reject H.B. 5507.

Respectfully Submitted

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