



EarthEnergy ALLIANCE

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE ENERGY & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

RE: SUPPORT SB 447

AN ACT MODERNIZING THE STATE'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAWS

My name is Michael Devine and I am President of Earth Energy Alliance, a Westport based company. Earth Energy Alliance is dedicated to improving our carbon footprint and reducing our nation's dependence on foreign oil. We are committed to expanding the development and distribution of renewable sources of energy that can easily integrate into our lives today and into the future

From an environmental conservation standpoint, the telecommunications modernization bill will reduce the outdated system of mandatory paper filings, saving countless trees and energy resources. In an era where going paperless is a commonly accepted practice, there is no reason why these reports should not be submitted the same way. Currently, the majority of companies submit their filings electronically but antiquated laws state that despite the e-filing, a company must still submit a paper form creating twice the work for both the company filing and the state —and twice the paper.

We support the passage of Senate Bill 447, as it will eliminate duplicate paper filings, which will not only save companies' valuable time and increase productivity, but also conserve the environment.