

**Connecticut General Assembly**  
**The Energy and Technology Committee**

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Raised Senate Bill No. 944, *AAC Establishing a Pilot Program to Allow for  
Municipal Aggregation*

**Testimony of Levco Tech, Inc.**

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**SB 944**

This bill would authorize an opt-out municipal electric aggregation pilot program for a municipality of more than 140,000 residents. We do not support a municipal aggregation program that includes an opt-out clause for consumers that do not act. The opt-out provision places a consumer on a program that they may not have fully reviewed and may cause long term issues.

The issue occurs after the initial term expires and the consumer rate changes without the same incentive granted to the initial program.

We are unclear as to the purpose of this proposed pilot program. It is both unnecessary and redundant given the status of Connecticut's retail choice market and would conflict with the Governor's bill (SB 843) that would over the next year effectively auction off those standard service customers that have not chosen an alternative retail choice supplier. Creating another standard offer-like service is not necessary when about 50 percent of the state's consumers are participating in choice.

