

RE :SB 945

Senators Duff, Lebeau, Chapein, Representatives Reed, Stienbern, Hoydick and distinguished members of the Energy & Technology Committee.

My name is Bob Montanari, owner of The Brewhouse Restaurant in South Norwalk, CT. I am before you in support of SB 945.

The Brewhouse has been in Business since 1995. My brother and I purchased the Restaurant in 2001. In 2005 our landlord decided to separate the electric meters for our building at which time SNEW demanded a deposit of \$15000.00. I feel that the size of the deposit is unfair.

The Brewhouse employs 35 people and is a huge contributor to the local community. The deposit amount of \$15000.00 is a substantial amount of money for a small business and could be better utilized for new employee training, working capital needs such as equipment replacements or restaurant improvements.

We urge you to institute better policies that are fair to small business owners and not allow the utility companies to impact/burden our budgets and operating capital.

Thank you. – Bob Montanari