



Testimony of Todd Berch

Before the Energy and Technology Committee

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Good Morning Senator Duff, Representative Reed, and members of the Energy and Technology Committee. My name is Todd Berch and I am with the Connecticut AFL-CIO.

I am here today to testify on behalf of the 900 affiliated local unions representing members from all 169 cities and towns of Connecticut **in opposition to Raised Bill Number 1138 – An Act Concerning Connecticut’s Clean Energy Goals *in its current form.***

It is our belief that classifying Canadian hydro power as a Class 1 renewable energy source to reach clean energy goals “crowds” out the potential Class 1 renewable energy programs/projects that directly impact local investments and jobs.

We believe all renewable energy proposals should seek to develop, generate, and create jobs for Connecticut. We believe these renewable energy jobs to be inclusive but not limited to the development of renewable energy technology, manufacturing of components and construction of infrastructure here in Connecticut in order to reach renewable energy goals.

We appreciate this committee holding this public hearing and would be happy to address any questions.

Thank You

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