Nutmeg Brewing &
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Sen Duff, Rep Reed, Sen Lebeau, Rep Stienber,. Sen Chapein, Rep Hoydick and distinguished members of the energy & Technology committee. My name is Bill Dasilva, COO of the SBC Restaurant Group LLC I am writing today in support of S.B 945 an act concerning corporate deposits for municipal utilities.

SBC has been in business since 1996, we have a stellar credit record, and never have had a payment issue. Recently we opened NOLA Oyster Bar in Norwalk. Our municipal electric, demanded a deposit of 15,000, and a copy of our full lease to continue electric service. My initial reaction was outrage at the size of the deposit. Having never dealt with a public utility, I asked them to check our credit rating, and call some references. They stated that this was the policy and if I wanted electric service I needed to pay. Image the out rage to find out that this outrageous deposit WILL NOT be returned until the business ceases, or is sold.

15,000 represents a major hit to our budget, effecting operating, training and emergency capitol. At the very least if we knew the money would be returned in a year or so as a check or a service credit I could budget and planned.

These policies represent an unfair burden to business, I understand the need for a deposit but the size and terms are unacceptable. I urge the legislature to have municipal utilities come in line with common business practices and other utilities in CT.

Thank you,

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