

Distinguished Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons, Ranking Members, and Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee:

Thank you for holding this hearing on Raised Bill No. 6453. My name is Michael Green. I am President of Tripolymer, Inc. Tripolymer, Inc. is the exclusive distributor in the United States for Tripolymer®, a phenolic based resin which, when combined with air and water, makes injection foam insulation. Tripolymer® is not a urea-formaldehyde foam insulation and urea-formaldehyde is not used in the manufacturing process. Tripolymer® has been used to insulate homes for over thirty (30) years throughout the United States through its network of trained and certified professional installers. It contributes to LEED points for construction projects, is environmentally safe, non-toxic, fire resistant, and non-corrosive. With an R-value of 5.1 per inch, it is the best product on the market for retrofitting homes. My network of dealers has insulated over 10,000 annually for over thirty (30) years. I have Tripolymer® installed in my own home, as do my family members.

I support the ban on urea-formaldehyde foam insulation ("UFFI"). I'm here today to urge you to pass Raised Bill No. 6453 so that non-UFFI products are permitted in the state, as it is in the other states, including California, which this Bill was modeled after. California's regulations are so stringent that UFFI is effectively prohibited. Tripolymer is permitted in California because, as a phenolic based resin, it is not a UFFI, nor should be categorized as such. Connecticut's law, however, is so broad that it makes a product such as mine unlawful, unlike any other state in the Union. This bill will help give Connecticut consumers more energy efficient viable choices from which to insulate their homes.

The passage of this bill is important to at least two (2) businesses located in this state, but who can only give out-of-state consumers the ability to install Tripolymer® and appreciate the energy and cost savings. When this bill is passed, these businesses, and several others, will flourish in Connecticut and will be able to compete with the other insulators. These dealers will be able to generate consumer and tax dollars, employ more people, and give the people of Connecticut additional choices in making their homes more energy efficient.

I believe the passage of this bill will serve to provide the same protection intended in 1981, but will also give homeowners more choices, create jobs, and generate business and consumer tax dollars for the State of Connecticut. Finally, I would recommend that the effective date be upon passage.

Thank you for your time.