



Testimony of Lori Pelletier, Secretary-Treasurer  
of the Connecticut AFLCIO  
before the Environment Committee  
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Senator Meyer and Representative Gentile and members of the Committee, my name is Lori Pelletier and I am the Secretary-Treasurer of the Connecticut AFLCIO and I am here on behalf of our affiliates and members to testify **in favor of SB 1081 An Act Concerning Recycling and Jobs.**

This bill is a terrific example of being environmentally conscious and creating jobs, and it's just what this economy and our workers need. At the national level the BlueGreen Alliance unites 14 of our country's largest unions and environmental organizations. Acting together, through more than 15 million members and supporters, they are a powerful voice for building a cleaner, fairer and more competitive American economy.

The BlueGreen Alliance advocates the growth in the number and quality of jobs in the clean economy by expanding a broad range of industries, including renewable energy, energy efficiency, the substitution of safer, cleaner chemicals, modern transportation systems and advanced vehicle technology, domestic manufacturing, high-speed Internet and a smart, efficient electrical grid, green schools and other public buildings, improving our nation's water infrastructure, recycling, and sustainable agriculture.

As the Blue Green Alliance works on the national stage we have given our full support to them on State issues. Nearly a decade ago the Connecticut AFLCIO passed a resolution supporting their initiatives as they pertain to local strategies .

We offer our assistance on moving this bill through the committee process. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Lori J Pelletier  
Secretary-Treasurer