



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES  
*of Connecticut*

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY  
REGARDING RAISED SENATE BILL 357  
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I am Paul W. Brady, Executive Director of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Connecticut (ACEC/CT), representing over 90 engineering firms providing independent engineering services to the public and private sector.

On behalf of ACEC/CT, I would like to testify in opposition to Raised Senate Bill 357, AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING STANDARDS AND PRODUCT EFFICIENCY STANDARDS.

Section 1 of the bill would allow municipalities to impose more stringent commercial and residential energy code mandates than required by the State Building Code. As you well know, Connecticut is a relatively small state with 169 municipalities. This legislation would significantly increase the complexity and cost of design and construction in the state. Both the commercial and residential construction industries in Connecticut are still suffering from the great recession and further bureaucratic impositions will only delay that recovery.

Thank you for your consideration.

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