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### **Testimony on of House Bill Number 6029 Energy and Technology Committee February 24, 2014**

Chairmen Doyle and Reed, Ranking Members Formica and Ackert and Members of the Energy and Technology Committee, the House Republican Caucus would like to thank the Committee for raising **House Bill Number 6029: An Act Concerning Electric Distribution Company Fees**.

The House Republican Caucus urges the Energy and Technology Committee to take a close look at the current fee structure of Connecticut's electric distribution system. Connecticut's ratepayers are hurting, and are in need of some sort of rate relief. The almost annual increase in electric rates are hurting the most vulnerable of our population and stifles economic growth.

This proposal would cap the fixed fee portion of a ratepayer's electric bill to encourage conservation and help those who do not use a large amount of electricity. This proposal is meant to help start the conversation of revamping the fee structure of our distribution system and understand the current proposal could have some unintended consequences. We are open to a dialogue that includes any and all options to provide a more fair and stable fee structure.

We urge the Energy and Technology Committee to pass House Bill 6029 in order to continue the conversation of how we can address the issues facing Connecticut's ratepayers. The House Republican Caucus is a willing participant in helping to reshape Connecticut's energy future.