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**Sent:** Thursday, February 19, 2015 8:52 PM  
**To:** ETTestimony  
**Subject:** Testimony in favor of SB 573, banning variable rate electric contracts!

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CT General Assembly Energy and Technology Committee Committee Members CT

Dear CT General Assembly Energy and Technology Committee Members,

I'm writing to voice my support for Senate Bill 573, An Act Concerning Variable Electric Rates. We need to protect electric consumers in Connecticut by banning variable rate contracts.

Predatory variable electric contracts are a bad deal for consumers like me. All of the risks are born by the customer, not the third party suppliers. In fact, suppliers can raise variable rates from month to month by 25% without notice. Additionally if I cancel my contract early I am subject to penalty, and the same does not hold true for the suppliers. I am 80 years old and the older I get the more I learn that the consumer seems to come last in the giant picture. Please help to make this right. Thank you.

Electricity is not a luxury; it is a necessity for my health and safety. Please support Senate Bill 573.

Sincerely,

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