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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. This seems like unfair business practices that only benefit the suppliers. The older I get, the less I understand about the difference between these third party suppliers and the Electric Company itself. Please stop these variable rate contracts so the consumers are not preyed upon.

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

Sincerely,

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