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**Sent:** Thursday, February 19, 2015 7:22 PM  
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**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.

There should be NO variable rate suppliers allowed in CT! The way the state does whatever they want, certainly DPUC aka PURA CAN say NO to variable rate alternative suppliers! If the company won't agree, too bad! Only list companies with a FIXED rate. ANOTHER thing that the state should outlaw is THREE MONTH contracts! It takes that long to get the new company on your electric bill! The minimum contract rate should be SIX MONTHS! Of course, all these letters will do nothing. The state will do what they want and NOT what the consumer wants!

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

Sincerely,

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