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Testimony of the Connecticut AFL-CIO before the Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Good Afternoon Senator Crisco, Representative Megna and members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

We are here today to testify on behalf of the 900 affiliated local unions that represent over 200,000 union members from all 169 cities and towns of Connecticut in opposition to:

Proposed S.B. No. 17 - AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND THE SOLAR ENERGY INDUSTRY

At first glance this proposed bill seems logical, after all solar installers are not roofers. However, solar installers are installing their products on top of peoples' homes, aka their roof. We oppose this proposed bill because it isn't about protecting workers it's about saving money at the expense of workers' regardless of their classification. This proposed legislation seeks to change the definition of risk for solar installers vs. traditional roofers. We understand there is a difference in trades but this work is as risky as traditional roofing.

We appreciate the committee holding this public hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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