



**Testimony of Eric Brown  
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before the  
Energy & Technology Committee  
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**RE: Raised Bill No. 224 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CAPACITY AND CRITERIA FOR CERTAIN RENEWABLE ENEDRGY GENERATION FACILITIES**

**CBIA opposes this bill.**

Good afternoon. My name is Eric Brown and I serve as counsel on environmental, energy and regulatory policy for the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (“CBIA”). CBIA is proud to represent thousands of small and large businesses throughout Connecticut, employing hundreds of thousands of Connecticut citizens.

At a time when this committee and the state, through revisions to its Comprehensive Energy Strategy, are considering a potential reshaping of the energy marketplace and our procurement practices to better meet economic and environmental priorities, we think it is inappropriate to move forward with this bill – which represents a significant, one-off measure outside the context of the broader, comprehensive analysis.

For example, section one speaks about “projects that emit no pollutants” being able to submit proposals to DEEP. But it also limits those projects to “class 1 renewables” – a smaller universe of technologies than those the “emit no pollutants”.

We understand that regional discussions are underway regarding the potential creation of a “zero-carbon” standard to promote a broader portfolio of energy resources in Connecticut. This is an example of why we believe this proposal is ill-timed.

Accordingly , CBIA appreciates this opportunity to communicate our opposition to this bill at this time.