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Testimony in support of
***SB 394 AN ACT CONCERNING VIRTUAL NET METERING AND CERTAIN ZERO OR LOW
EMISSION GENERATION PROJECTS.***
Energy and Technology Committee
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Good day Chairman Doyle, Chairman Reed, Ranking Members Ackert and Formica, and distinguished members of the Committee. I want to thank you for raising **SB 394 AN ACT CONCERNING VIRTUAL NET METERING AND CERTAIN ZERO OR LOW EMISSION GENERATION PROJECTS**, and offer my full support.

Last year the state Bond Commission approved \$2.9 million for the creation of a micro grid project in Milford. Our City has signed the contracts, completed the permitting process and received the ZREC awards--we are shovel ready. This project is important to Milford, but also important to Connecticut.

Our City was significantly impacted by Irene and Sandy, with over 9,000 outages during Irene and over 13,000 during Sandy. We are a vulnerable coastal city and the ability for Milford to keep critical municipal facilities up and running during a utility outage provides a tremendous service to the community. We must be prepared to provide critical support and services to our residents when the lights do go out.

Secondary to the safety benefits to our community during severe weather events, micro grids help mitigate carbon footprints and increase energy efficiency and that is good for Connecticut.

I respectfully urge the passage of SB394.

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