



Renewable Energy and Efficiency Business Association, Inc.

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Senator Winfield; Senator Formica; Representative Reed; Representative Hoydick; and  
Members of the Energy and Technology Committee:

The Renewable Energy and Efficiency Business Association ("REEBA"), which is  
comprised of more than sixty (60) businesses dedicated to improving the climate for  
renewable energy in Connecticut, is pleased to speak in support of the Governor's Bill  
No. 7036, an Act Promoting the Use of Fuel Cells for Electric Distribution System  
Benefits and Reliability.

The fuel cell industry is critical to Connecticut. It supplies over 1,000 jobs, supports  
3,400 total jobs and yields \$40 million in state and local tax revenues annually. Fuel  
cells are a valuable resource as the state looks to move to greater reliance on clean  
energy. They have a small footprint and do not emit nitrogen oxides ("NO<sub>x</sub>") or oxides  
of sulfur ("SO<sub>x</sub>"), which make them very desirable in urban areas.

Passage of this Bill is a win-win scenario, which allows for well-paying jobs to continue  
and grow locally, while helping the state comply with its Renewable Portfolio Standards  
goals. A number of fuel cell installations have been completed and this bill will only add  
to the success by continuing to deliver cost effective clean energy to the states utility  
customers.

We strongly urge policy makers to continue the clean energy procurements called for in  
PA 13-303 and PA 15-107 while moving forward with this proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate.

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