



**Testimony of Anthony Rescigno, President
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**In support of GOVERNOR'S BILL NO. 7036 AN ACT PROMOTING THE USE OF FUEL
CELLS FOR ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM BENEFITS AND RELIABILITY**

To: The Honorable Gary A. Winfield, The Honorable Paul M. Formica, The Honorable Lonnie Reed, Co-Chairs of the Energy and Technology Committee

I am writing to express my support for GOVERNOR'S BILL NO. 7036 which, if enacted, would allow electric distribution companies to acquire new fuel cell generating capacity for the purpose of providing distribution system benefits while avoiding or otherwise deferring expensive distribution system upgrades.

Fuel cell power plants offer a reliable, predictable and cost effective in-state resource. With their compact footprint and high power density, they are the ideal resource to be sited in locations where resiliency and local power are needed and are a fundamental part of Connecticut's energy portfolio.

In addition to providing clean and resilient power at key locations, the bill will support home-grown high tech manufacturing, compliance with our state's Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) goals, and provide sales tax revenue to the State and much-needed revenue to struggling municipalities through new local property tax payments. This bill will help solidify Connecticut's position as a world leader and supporter of fuel cell technologies.

In closing I want to thank the committee for its attention to this issue. We at the Greater New Haven Chamber stand ready to work with the legislature and the administration to make Connecticut a world leader and supporter of fuel cell technologies.

Sincerely,

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