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In **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 106
*An Act Concerning Zero-Carbon Electric Generating Facilities
and Achieving Connecticut's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Mandated Levels*

Chairman Winfield, Chairwoman Reed, Chairman Formica, and distinguished members of the Energy and Technology Committee, thank you for hearing Senate Bill 106. I am here to testify in **support** of SB 106, *An Act Concerning Zero-Carbon Electric Generating Facilities and Achieving Connecticut's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Mandated Levels*.

My name is Cathy Osten and I represent the 19th Senate district, which includes the towns of Columbia, Franklin, Hebron, Lebanon Ledyard, Lisbon, Marlborough, Montville, Norwich, and Sprague.

Similar to Senate Bill 344 (File No. 475, as amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", LCO 5586) from the 2016 legislative session, this year's Senate Bill 106 seeks to provide a mechanism for zero-carbon electric generating facilities to sell power to electric utilities. These power generating facilities include certain Class I renewable facilities, large-scale hydropower, nuclear power plants, and/or trash-to-energy facilities. By opening the electric procurement process in Connecticut, we can increase the amount of competition in the market and lower prices for electric consumers. Added competition in the electricity market will also bring much-needed long-term stability and access to affordable power in our region.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in **support** of Senate Bill 106, and I look forward to working with the leadership and members of this committee on this bill's passage.