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Before the Energy and Technology Committee

In support of SB 630 AAC CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES AND USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES and in opposition to SB 106 AN ACT CONCERNING ZERO-CARBON ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES AND ACHIEVING CONNECTICUT'S GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS MANDATED LEVELS.

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Good afternoon Sen. Winfield, Sen. Formica, Representative Reed and other members of the Energy and Technology Committee. My name is Tom Swan and I am the Executive Director of the Connecticut Citizen Action Group (CCAG). On behalf of our member families' I am testifying today on two concept bills.

CCAG strongly supports the concepts put forward in SB 630 AAC CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES AND USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES. We strongly believe that it is time for up to increase our commitment to renewable energy and welcome the opportunity to support efforts to have Connecticut become the leader in this field that we should be.

CCAG strongly opposes the propose shakedown by Dominion Resources as hinted at in SB 106 AN ACT CONCERNING ZERO-CARBON ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES AND ACHIEVING CONNECTICUT'S GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS MANDATED LEVELS. It is an insult to everyone in the state of Connecticut that proponents of this scheme have not offered real language as to what they are proposing for a second straight year. It is a reminder as to why this idea was so roundly rejected in the House last year after proponents usurped the normal legislative process to try to jam a bill through without proper vetting.

Dominion is a highly profitable company to the tune of \$ 1.9 billion in 2016. Nowhere have they claimed that Millstone is not profitable and they are too cute by half in their arguments as to why they need special treatment. As you may recall from Evan Bayh's riveting performance last year in the faux hearing on this scheme that this is part of a national public relation effort by the nuclear industry to maximize profits and to rebrand themselves in an effort to become relevant in the future. Connecticut ratepayers should not be asked to subsidize this snake oil and we should definitely not weaken our commitment to a renewable energy future by reclassifying what clean energy is.

The Dominion financed study claiming how the sky would fall if they were shut down tomorrow is not a real threat. They have multi-year contracts to provide energy, which means the underlying assumptions are not real and furthermore they refuse to open their books to the public to prove a need. Connecticut ratepayers are counting on you to not be bamboozled by this scam.

In closing I would I want to challenge the proponents to come clean. If Dominion really needed this special treatment they would be willing to open their books to prove it and if it was really going to be good for ratepayers, we would see real language that would prove that.

Thank you and have a great day.