



**CONNECTICUT LEAGUE OF
CONSERVATION VOTERS**

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To: Senator Kennedy, Senator Miner, Representative Demicco, distinguished members of the Environment Committee

From: Lori Brown, Executive Director, CT League of Conservation Voters

Re: **HB 5363 ESTABLISHING A CARBON PRICE FOR FOSSIL FUELS
SOLD IN CONNECTICUT**

On behalf of the CT League of Conservation Voters, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT** of HB 5363.

CTLCV joins with our colleagues working to put Connecticut on the path to a clean energy economy. We ask you to support legislation that would allow carbon pricing as a powerful incentive to reducing our state's reliance on fossil fuels. Carbon pricing is an effective response to climate change and an important tool that can work in our state and our region.

Connecticut is now part of the **Carbon Costs Coalition**, which is an organization of legislators from nine states who are seeking ways to accurately account for the cost of carbon pollution. States that represent the Carbon Cost Coalition to date are Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington. The Coalition's principles are to reduce carbon emissions, ensure equity in policy proposals, develop market-based solutions, create a resilient local economy, and improve public health. HB 5363 is aligned with these goals.

HB 5363 is a creative and practical incentive-based program to shift Connecticut away from fossil fuel consumption by setting a price for dirty carbon emissions that pollute our air. It allows some of the revenues to be invested in renewable energy, energy efficiency, clean transportation, and communities disproportionately impacted by fossil fuel pollution. This will be an additional revenue source to help local economies, create jobs and to make a better CT for everyone as our state advances towards cleaner forms of energy. Passage of HB 5363 will be a win for consumers, for jobs, for public health and for our state's climate goals.

Thank you for considering this testimony.

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