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Statement against S.B.9

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To the Energy and Technology Committee:

I submit this testimony to you as an employee of a company in Connecticut that is heavily vested in Energy Efficiency and Sustainability as well as a voting citizen of Connecticut.

The proposal of S.B.9 is very concerning in that it continues to show to me that the State of Connecticut is more concerned with coming up with “something of their own” than making small modifications to functioning programs and providing improvements for all.

In my work I have seen excitement over the MA programs in energy efficiency, where I had heard we are starting to move operations to, as well as the new SMART program which our clients are raving about. What it seems like to me is that, with proposals like this, you don’t seem to care about me as a resident or an employee of this state.

I implore you to look beyond leaving your mark as a legislator and to instead serve the community of Connecticut. Meet with experts like my fellow employees and find out what really makes the industry tick. This bill is very far off base and will completely collapse the industry in the state.

Please focus your energy on recovering funding for the Energy Efficiency fund first so that I may keep my job without having to relocate to another state. I am fearful of this when I saw our call-in rate drop by 5-fold as soon as we were no longer able to accept oil customers for our Home Energy Solutions team. You won’t have an industry to follow or support your larger administrative changes to the program if you don’t first restore what we have now to being functional. If the industry I work within is not important enough for your committee to support recovery before reconstruction, then I may consider that Connecticut is not the state for me to reside in any more.

Thank you in advance of your consideration for this testimony.

Regards,

Jonathan Shapiro

