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To: Committee on Environment

I am writing to let you know that I am very concerned about light pollution in Connecticut and to indicate my strong support for SB no 425. Light pollution in Connecticut is bad and getting worse every year. The recent reckless LED streetlight conversion by Eversouce has made it painfully obvious that something needs to be done. Most of the new LED streetlights I have seen are atrocious - they are way too bright and create excessive glare. I noticed that there is an exemption in the bill for the Department of Corrections. I can see why they would want very bright lights, but I do not want the streets of Connecticut looking like a prison exercise yard.

The bill as written seems to be much too weak, with too many escape clauses. I would like to see a stronger bill. Everyone suffers from bad outdoor lighting.

Sincerely,

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