

Dear Energy and Commerce Committee,

I regret that I am unable to attend today's hearing, so I'm sending you my comments via email.

Re the pipeline tax: there are two reasons why I think this provision should be repealed:

1. Ratepayers should not have to pay for infrastructure construction by utilities.
2. Given that Connecticut needs to significantly reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 2030, it makes neither economic nor environmental sense for utilities to seek to increase the amount of natural gas flowing into our state.

Re the Green New Deal: Given that this resolution/legislation is comprehensive and complicated, it will probably make sense for it to be broken down into several interlocking pieces of legislation. At the same time, it is important to support this resolution, because it outlines basic principles for guiding our state's transition to a fossil-fuel free economy, and it is consistent with proposals currently being debated at the national level.

Sincerely,
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Just to live is holy.

Just to be is a blessing.

--Abraham Joshua Heschel