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Energy and Technology Committee**

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Committee Bill No. 678 – An Act Concerning the Removal of Markings Made Pursuant to Call Before You Dig Requirements.

The Department of Transportation (CTDOT) is opposed to Committee Bill No. 678 and respectfully offers the following comments.

Under CGS 16-345, CTDOT and its contractors are required to contact Call Before You Dig (CBYD) prior to work associated with excavation, demolition, or use of explosives. CBYD is the central clearing house for all state utilities, as defined by CGS 16-345(2).

The proposed bill, as written, does not differentiate between active, anticipated or completed construction. It also does not indicate whether the concern is with the CBYD markings themselves placed by the owner utilities or the required location markings requested by CBYD prior to work. These location markings are required under CGS 16-345(4).

The law requires mark-outs to be re-established every 30 days for ongoing work. In addition, it is the responsibility of the project staff to maintain the marks as is, if the marks are diminished due to work, additional markings are required to provide consistent reference. It would be remiss to establish these marks in anything other than permanent paint. For example, natural gas indicated markings denote a presence where extra caution must be considered when not only working adjacent but over the facilities. Limiting the use of the type of application markings and maintenance of such could unintentionally compromise public safety.

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