

Dear Energy and Technology Committee member,

Realizing that your hearing already occurred this past Thursday, I am writing today as a citizen of Connecticut and resident of West Haven, to express my full support of SB 177, SB 178, HB 5226, and HB 5228.

There are few things more exigent than the climate crisis looming over us NOW (it's not some future possibility), and therefore the absolute necessity that we take bold action to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and preserve the health and economy of Connecticut. These four bills do just that. Your leadership is vital for a cleaner and greener Connecticut.

SB 177 AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY CONSUMPTION DATA AND LABELING will shed a bright light on energy costs for potential buyers and renters. Transparency will lead to responsibility.

SB 178 AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS establishes and updates state appliance and equipment energy and water efficiency standards to include things like air purifiers, fluorescent lamps, commercial dishwashers , EV charging stations, faucets, showerheads, and lightbulbs. This means savings for consumers and less pollution for everyone.

HB 5226 AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS prevents condominium or homeowner's associations from prohibiting EV charging stations and permits tenants to request installation of a station subject to compliance with a landlord's requirements. With transportation causing nearly 40% of our GHG emissions, we must expand access and make it easier to own electric vehicles across the state.

HB 5228 AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM expands the definition of energy improvements that qualify for C-PACE financing to include zero-emission vehicle refueling infrastructure, lowering the upfront cost of installation.

Thank you for supporting this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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