

Testimony of the Connecticut Audubon Society to the Energy and Technology Committee  
of the Connecticut General Assembly in support of  
**S.B. No. 882 AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND HOME  
ENERGY AFFORDABILITY.**

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The Connecticut Audubon Society thanks the Committee and the sponsors of **S.B. No. 882 An Act Concerning Climate Change Mitigation and Home Energy Affordability** for proposing this important resolution and for the opportunity to express our strong support. This proposed law would require the state's electricity supply to be zero-carbon by 2040. If passed, this bill would codify into law an executive order Lamont issued in 2019 and is a key implementation item of the Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3).

Climate change is an over-arching and existential threat to our birds, other wildlife and the habitats they depend upon, as well as to the residents of the great state of Connecticut. The recommendations of the report were developed by a broad array of experts, with input from Connecticut residents over the past year. Implementing the recommendations of the GC3 report are an extremely high priority and we strongly urge you to support S.B. No. 882.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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*Founded in 1898, the Connecticut Audubon Society is an independent organization that conserves Connecticut's environment through science-based education and advocacy focused on the state's bird populations and habitats. We own and manage 20 preserves covering almost 3,300 acres in all areas of the state, and we work with landowners to help them manage their land for the benefit of birds and other wildlife.*