

## **Legislative Committee**

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Energy and Technology Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 3900  
Hartford, CT 06106

Members of the Energy and Technology Committee:

The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce is a dynamic business organization with over 2,125 members that employ over 50,000 people in and around our service area. Our chamber represents businesses from all industry sectors and of all sizes, from Fortune 500 companies, to micro businesses.

We are writing today to express the chamber's respectful **opposition** to H.B. No. 5350, AN ACT CONCERNING NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE.

We believe that this proposal would effectively limit future natural gas expansion in communities across the state. This severely limits the options of businesses who are considering expanding, and those who are in the process of planning for their energy future.

For many years, our chamber has encouraged the General Assembly to ensure that state policies and plans properly balance the public interests including the needs for safe and adequate water supply, a diverse, balanced energy supply, economic development, public health and safety, recreation and the environment.

HB 5350 runs counter to those goals, and we respectfully urge the legislature to reject this proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this important topic.