



**Energy and Technology Committee Public Hearing**

**March 6, 2018**

**Testimony of Ted Grabowski**

**On Behalf of the Laborers' Local Union 230**

**Connecticut Laborers' District Council**

**Testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill 332, An Act Concerning Solicitation for Natural Gas Transportation Capacity**

Chairwoman Reed, Chairman Formica, Chairman Winfield and Ranking Member Ackert, my name is Ted Grabowski and I am here to today to speak in opposition to Senate Bill 332 on behalf of our over 6,000 Connecticut members. We oppose the bill because it will be harmful to Connecticut's economy not only because of our high electricity costs due in large part to natural gas pipeline constraints, but it will take away an important tool to address those costly constraints.

As many of you know, interstate natural gas pipelines are highly regulated from the time they are proposed for improvement, through to their construction and on an ongoing basis. Our working men and women who have worked on pipelines, power houses and local gas distribution lines take their work very seriously and are vigilant that they do so with utmost care for the environment.

Please preserve this law so that Connecticut and the other New England states have a fighting chance to improve our interstate pipeline system to deliver cleaner, cheaper and more reliable energy.

I look forward to answering any questions you might have, thank you for your consideration.