



Statement of

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In Support of

SB 884 as amended with language from HB 5030

Co-Chairs Cohen and Gresko, Vice Chairs Slap and Palm, Ranking Members Miner and Harding and Distinguished Members of the Joint Committee on the Environment.

CT Votes for Animals and 21 animal and environmental advocacy organizations recently sent a letter to the Environment Committee urging it address climate friendly food procurement as a part of the State's larger initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. As the Committee considers the Governor's initiative SB 884 AN ACT REDUCING TRANSPORTATION-RELATED CARBON EMISSIONS, it has a unique opportunity to add to its already successful environmental efforts by including measuring life-cycle emissions associated with food. Life-cycle emissions include emissions associated with the production of goods procured, as well as direct emissions produced within state lines. As the Committee recently heard, similar policies have been enacted at the municipal level across the country, in places like Carrboro, NC, Denver, CO and Santa Monica, CA; there are bills pending in Washington, DC and New York state, as well.

Climate friendly food procurement has broad support from both local and national organizations. CT Votes for Animals urges the Committee to incorporate the concepts from HB 5030 into SB 884. Adopting a Climate-Friendly Food Policy will enable the State to assess and plan for reducing emissions and mitigating the impacts of climate change at an even faster rate and in a more efficient manner, while also contributing to the air pollution reduction goals outlined in SB 884's current language.

Thank you for your consideration.

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