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To: [ALBERT CARBONE JR.](#); [Grotzke, Amy L.](#)
Cc: [Rapini, Susan](#); [Boronic, Jess S.](#)
Subject: Re: Letter of Support for United Illuminating
Date: Sunday, August 13, 2023 9:43:41 AM

Hi Al
Count us in, we'll take care of this right away. Good luck!
Tony

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From: ALBERT CARBONE JR. <Albert.Carbone@avangrid.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2023 11:22:11 AM
To: Rescigno, Anthony P. <rescignoa1@southernct.edu>; Grotzke, Amy L. <grotzkea1@southernct.edu>
Subject: Letter of Support for United Illuminating

Good morning Tony and Amy – I hope you are well. Sorry for the urgency of this email, but we at UI could use your help.

As you may know, UI recently received a draft decision in its rate case before PURA, and we are asking for your help in expressing your concern over the impacts it will have on our partners in the community.

PURA issued a decision draft in our rate case (Docket Number 22-08-08), and if it is finalized without significant changes, we believe it will impact UI's financial integrity and, thus, our ability to partner with organizations like yours in the future.

We also believe it could ultimately hinder job creation and economic output for the state. Thus, we are seeking your help to voice your concern with this draft decision and the downstream impacts it could have on your organization, especially the great things that the SCSU Utilities Management program has done in its short time!

Attached we have drafted a letter that you can personalize, revise, and send to the governor, the PURA executive secretary, the Office of Consumer Counsel, and the Attorney General – instructions are included on the header of the attached letter.

We are asking for you to please personalize, revise and send this letter (it can be sent by email) by Friday, August 18, if not earlier.

Thank you for your support and being a valued community partner to UI.

Any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,
Al
(203) 671-4421

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[date]

Subject: Our Concern in PURA’s Draft Decision in Docket Number 22-08-08 – Application of The United Illuminating Company to Amend its Rate Schedule

I am the [title] of [organization], and I write because I am concerned that PURA’s draft decision in UI’s most recent rate case (Docket Number 22-08-08) will have cascading impacts that will hurt the organization I lead and the entire Connecticut economy.

I have served as [title] at [company] for [length of time]... [include 2-3 sentences about organization, impact, mission, and **partnership with UI** – how long have been working with you, in what capacity, scale of partnership and what has accomplished, etc.]

The partnership we have had with UI has allowed us to transform lives and livelihoods in [city/region organization is focused on] and the entire state of Connecticut. When companies like UI believe in our mission and financially invest in us, Connecticut’s families, neighborhoods, communities, and towns are strengthened. But UI can only participate in strengthening Connecticut if UI itself is also strong.

Through this draft decision, PURA seems intent on undercutting and weakening UI. If this decision becomes final, UI will:

- Lose the ability to plan its projects and investments beyond just next year,
- Be forced to write off \$37.5 million on “Day 1” after the decision takes effect, and
- See one of the lowest returns on equity in the country that is below the level needed to attract investors to Connecticut, among other consequences.

It is obvious to me that these moves will force UI to turn inwards and focus exclusively on its obligation to provide safe and reliable service. The other investments a healthy utility can make – from investments in community partnerships with organizations like mine, to investments in infrastructure that promote sustainability, like electric vehicle chargers – will necessarily be put on the backburner. UI will have enough challenges in simply operating the electric grid in this severe regulatory environment – there will be no remaining capital to invest in the community.

If this draft decision takes effect, it will harm my organization and the economy and upward trajectory for all of Connecticut. Thus, I urge PURA and the Governor to moderate the draft decision in UI’s rate case.

Sincerely,

[name]

[title]

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