

# 30<sup>TH</sup> BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

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## RESOLUTION NO. 4076 SUPPORTING THE STAMFORD DELEGATION'S EFFORTS IN HARTFORD TO STRENGTHEN THE STATE'S LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ARRANGEMENT OVER ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES, SUCH AS EVERSOURCE AND UNITED ILLUMINATING

**WHEREAS**, Eversource demonstrated dismal service restoration performance after recent storm Isaias, continuing the record of poor service restoration performance after Storm Irene in August 2011 and Superstorm Sandy in October 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stamford's Emergency Services and Public Safety leaders did not receive timely or accurate information from Eversource contacts as to the location of either make-safe crews or power-restoration crews; and

**WHEREAS**, Eversource failed to comply in Stamford with State protocols for make-safe crews to remove fallen trees, poles and downed live wires so that Emergency vehicles could respond to residents' calls, especially elderly or ill residents, and

**WHEREAS** Eversource failed to prioritize restoration efforts in accordance with communicated priorities for emergency vehicles, medical, and senior facilities, thereby jeopardizing health and safety, and

**WHEREAS** residents of the City of Stamford were not able to contact Eversource customer service phone lines to register outages, and elected Representatives of multiple Stamford districts received, incorrect, false, or no information regarding restoration, and

**WHEREAS** thousands of City of Stamford residents were without power or information on its restoration for as long as 9 days, and have received no reimbursement for the costs of spoiled food or medicine, the cost of lost work hours and the cost of repairs and clean up resulting from downed poles and lines, and

**WHEREAS** reliable delivery of electricity is essential to modern life, and extended interruption endangers public health, safety, and welfare, and

**WHEREAS** the State of Connecticut is burdened with the third highest electricity rate in the nation, and the excessive cost of Eversource's inefficient operations is a burden on rate payers and a drag on the economic development of the State, and

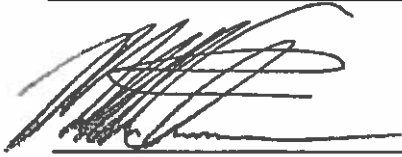
**WHEREAS** all the burdens and risk resulting from Eversource's operational failures fall on the rate payers and none on the investors, and

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Board of Representatives supports the Stamford State Representatives in their efforts to pass legislation to strengthen the State's legislative and regulatory arrangements with electric distribution companies, such as Eversource and United Illuminating.


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This resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda at the Regular Meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020.

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