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[The following resolution was submitted by the CT State Council of Machinists and approved by the CT AFL-CIO at its Annual Convention in September 2013.]

Whereas,

A year ago the Connecticut AFL-CIO launched the *Connecticut Roundtable on Climate and Jobs*, an innovative partnership with Connecticut's labor, environmental, and religious groups which advocates for public policies that address urgent concerns about climate change while creating good-paying jobs right here in our state, and

the Roundtable has already helped labor, environmental, and religious constituencies to fight shoulder-to-shoulder for state energy policies that create jobs and protect the climate, including defense of Connecticut's Renewable Portfolio Standard, and

the Roundtable has made it possible for constituencies that have often disagreed on environmental issues to engage in respectful and constructive dialogue, including dialogue addressing differences over the state's planned natural gas expansion, and

Whereas, the delegates to this convention understand:

that climate change poses a direct threat to the wellbeing of the lives and livelihoods of working people in Connecticut, the United States, and the world, and

that labor must take a leading role in addressing this local, national, and global threat, and

that a respectful and productive dialogue with our religious, environmental, community and other allies is crucial for this effort,

Therefore, we enthusiastically endorse the continuing work of the Connecticut Roundtable on Climate and Jobs, and

pledge to participate in on-going dialogue and collaboration for a just transition to a clean energy economy that creates green jobs that fight climate change by reducing greenhouse gas emissions to a scientifically safe level, and

to encourage Connecticut's labor leaders and rank-and-file members to participate in the Roundtable, and

to collaborate with the Roundtable to develop an educational program with presentations to union locals and Central Labor Councils on labor and climate change.