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RE: CONNECTICUT MUST SUPPORT PRIORITIZATION OF EQUAL ACCESS TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT WE DEMAND THAT THE RATEPAYER C&LM AND RGGI FUNDS BE RETURNED TO EQUALLY SERVE ALL CONNECTICUT ELECTRIC (RATEPAYERS) AND MEET OUR STATES ENERGY (CES) PLAN, KEEP OUR ENERGY GRID STABLE, AND PROTECT OUR ECONOMIC GOALS AND LOCAL JOBS.

February 22, 2019

Dear Leaders of Connecticut,

Please call the following bills in your respective committees to enact a resolution to the Pending Diversion of Ratepayer Funds. We kindly ask that you take action to protect the ratepayer's right to energy efficiency in Connecticut, to support equal access to C&LM demand reduction programs and services which lower our energy demands, lower carbon emissions and lower energy bills for the people and businesses of Connecticut. These programs protect human health, protect our environment, and support 34,000 local jobs.

PLEASE CALL AND SUPPORT BILLS

HJ 31

Resolution Proposing A State Constitutional Amendment Prohibiting The Diversion Of Funds For Energy Efficiency And Clean Energy Programs To The General Fund.

To prohibit the diversion of funds for energy efficiency and clean energy programs to the General Fund.

Sponsor(s): Rep. Jonathan Steinberg (136)

Committee(s): Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Current status: Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding (1/23)

HB 5030

An Act Restoring Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy Funds.

To restore moneys in the state budget of energy efficiency and clean energy program funds.

Sponsor(s): Rep. Joseph P. Gresko (121); Rep. Jonathan Steinberg (136)

Committee(s): Finance, Revenue and Bonding; Energy and Technology

Current status: Change of Reference, Senate to Committee on Energy and Technology (2/7)

HB 5409

An Act Prohibiting the Diversion of Funds for Energy Efficiency Programs.

To prohibit the diversion of funds for energy efficiency programs.

Sponsor(s): Rep. Laura M. Devlin (134)

Committee(s): Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Current status: Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding (1/16)



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HB 5804

An Act Restoring Ratepayer Energy Efficiency And Clean Energy Program Funds.

To restore moneys in the state budget of energy efficiency and clean energy program funds.

Sponsor(s): Rep. Jonathan Steinberg (136)

Committee(s): Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Current status: Referred to Joint Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding (1/23)

HB 6453

An Act Concerning the Protection and Accountability of Energy Efficiency Funds.

To restore and protect the purposes of the three clean energy funds while adding legislative oversight of such funds.

Sponsor(s): Rep. Mary M. Mushinsky (85)

Committee(s): Environment; Energy and Technology

Current status: Change of Reference, Senate to Committee on Energy and Technology (2/14)

We demand the state of Connecticut's leaders keep their promise to ALL Connecticut electric ratepayers by taking the following two actions this legislative session. These simple legislative actions will allow energy efficiency programs, and the 34K jobs which support the programs, to continue to "serve all electric ratepayers". These two actions will avoid industry collapse, and lessen economic harm to Connecticut ratepayers, businesses, and will support our energy and climate goals.

1. Implement state policy to ensure EQUAL ACCESS to all Cost-Effective Energy Efficiency (EE) services and upgrades for ALL ELECTRIC RATEPAYERS regardless of heating fuel source type (FUEL BLIND DIRECT EE SERVICES). We must NOT exclude the Oil and Propane households from accessing proven energy saving services and efficiency incentives.
2. "Repeal of the pending diversion of the electric ratepayer funds". The C&LM ratepayer funds must be returned this session to support cost effective direct energy efficiency services in Connecticut or we cannot meet our state's Clean Energy Strategy (CES) or Our Climate Goals. Efficiency is our states DEMAND reduction plan. It keeps "carbon heavy fuels" from being wasted. These programs are award winning highly effective DEMAND REDUCTION programs that directly serve the ratepayers.

SUMMARY

In October 2017, the electric ratepayer Energy Efficiency funds (C&LM and RGGI) were unlawfully diverted by our state leaders as part of the bipartisan state budget. This resulted in a lack of Equal Access to Direct Energy Efficiency services for Connecticut electric ratepayers and created an inequitable tax on all electric ratepayers, including a tax on nonprofits.



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**Currently Connecticut has lost the ability to provide equal access to energy efficiency to oil and propane properties. These households represent 51% of all households in CT. Our state's highly awarded Direct Service Energy Efficiency (EE) programs can no longer equally serve Oil and Propane households.

Direct Service Energy Efficiency (EE) programs: These award-winning EE programs are coordinated by the State of CT Energy Efficiency Board (EEB), and have helped countless working families, low income families, and businesses to lower their energy bills statewide. The Direct Service EE programs lower energy demand by providing on the spot energy savings and long-term energy savings, which result in lowered air and water pollution, lower asthma rates, climate change mitigation, and related health problems.

ABOUT EE: ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Energy Efficiency Services help households directly lower energy bills. This results in on the spot energy savings for the homeowner, renter, landlord, or business, and saves money across our state.

EE programs support 34,000 Connecticut jobs and generate \$1.4 Billion a year in Gross State Product. These programs directly lower our state's energy costs by hundreds of millions of dollars annually. EE programs generate \$140 million dollars in state tax revenue in a single year. Direct Service residential Energy Efficiency programs have avoided \$814 million dollars in state healthcare costs. Direct service EE has a 1 to 7 return on investment for the state of Connecticut ratepayers.

Energy Efficiency is the number one way to meet our state energy goals, slow climate change, and lower air pollution in our state. Air pollution caused by the burning of fossil fuel to generate electricity harms human health and causes damage to children's developing lungs resulting in higher rates of asthma, heart disease and stroke.

Energy Efficiency is an economic driver and results in savings to the state of Connecticut. EE is the cheapest way to meet our energy goals and should be fully funded by the ratepayer money which was diverted to state's general fund. Ratepayer money which is legislated to help the ratepayer lower energy bills through direct service EE and residential solar programs must be supported and not diverted in June 2018.

**The C&LM and RGGI are obtained through collections and ARE NOT a physical fund. The lack of an actual "fund" and the misunderstanding of how collections are "forecasted" and "collections reconciled", has worsened the impacts on 2018 Direct Service EE programs, inclusive of low-income programs and services to working families.

Our state must ensure that enough ratepayer C&LM and RGGI funds are available to meet our state's Comprehensive Energy Strategy (CES) goals or we will incur statewide economic penalties.

These simple legislative actions will allow energy efficiency programs, and the 34K jobs which support the programs, to continue to "serve all electric ratepayers". These actions will avoid industry collapse and lessen economic harm to Connecticut and support our energy and climate goals.

A SUMMARY OF THE 2018 & 2019 DIVERSION OF RATEPAYER FUNDS

Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) - This diversion of RGGI funds has resulted in almost no access to direct install energy saving services for 75% to 80% of oil and propane heated homes. These oil and propane households will not be able to receive the HES service even though they still pay into the C&LM funds on their electric bills. The 2017 budget diverted \$10,000,000 per year for FY18 and FY19 (74% of 2017 auction proceeds).



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RGGI is a multi-state, market-based, mandatory emission allowance auction program for fossil-fuel power plants. Proceeds in Connecticut are distributed as such: 70% to the C&LM budget, 23% to the CT Green Bank, and 7% to CT DEEP. Within the C&LM budget, RGGI proceeds are primarily used to service oil/propane heated buildings.

CONSERVATION AND LOAD MANAGEMENT PLAN (C&LM)

The C&LM Plan provides the guidelines to administer Direct Residential and Commercial Energy Efficiency services along with outreach and education to meet CT's demand reduction and efficiency goals. The 2017 budget diverted \$63,500,000 per year for FY18 and FY19 (33% of 2017 budget). The statutory framework for CT's energy efficiency programs, funded primarily by a charge on ratepayer electric and natural gas bills into the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF).

DIRECT ENERGY EFFICIENCY (EE) IS NOT A SUBSIDY.

The ratepayer has paid for the EE incentives and services. C&LM and RGGI are an insurance policy which ALL ratepayers pay for and can NOT opt of the payments. The funds are meant to be utilized by the ratepayer when it is needed and costs effective to upgrade the property. EE is a set incentive which is meant to reduce the upfront cost of the EE service for the electric ratepayers who pay into the funds on every electric bill.

Ratepayers should be allowed to equally utilize the programs to lower the direct cost of energy for upgrades which directly save energy, reducing energy bills on the spot, and increasing safety. This will result in lowered carbon emissions, lowered pollution, and lowered energy waste. EE includes building science-based weatherization measures, insulation, windows, and upgraded comprehensive cost-effective efficiency retrofits.

Thank you.

SIGNATURES: NAME, TOWN – THE UNDERSIGNED AGREE WITH THIS LETTER'S REQUEST

1. Kyle Ellsworth, Brooklyn
2. Edgardo Mejias, Windsor
3. Thomas Fernandes, Wolcott
4. Eric Delgado, New Britain
5. Troy, Bilodeau, Bolton
6. Dwight Chavis, Hartford
7. Demont Murphy, Hartford
8. Diana Herrera, New Britain
9. Lorenzo Wyatt, Westport/Stratford
10. Ayala Marvin, Southington
11. Derek Belleville, Windsor
12. Justin Buck, Windsor
13. Talissa C Cruz, Windsor
14. Stephanie Weiner, Fairfield
15. Peter Millman, Mansfield
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19. Rebecca Baez Castro, Hartford



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20. Myles Mansfield, Windsor
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23. Kerri Cagnassola, Fairfield
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25. Michael Murray, Fairfield
26. Alexander Rodriguez, Hartford
27. Cari Edwards, Fairfield
28. Ian, Silva, Fairfield
29. Elba Rueda, Windsor
30. Xavier Hernandez, Hartford
31. Zoraida Figueroa, Hartford
32. Leticia Colon, Windsor
33. Milledge West, Canton
34. Girard Hayes, Wethersfield
35. Marianne Horn, Bloomfield
36. Alan Brewster, Milford
37. Diane Lauricella, Norwalk
38. Susan Kulis, Hamden
39. John Humphries, Hartford
40. Robert Dickinson, South Windsor
41. Philip Dooley, Tolland
42. Mason Pelton, Fairfield
43. Penelop Williams, Mansfield
44. Angel Baez, Hartford
45. Jose Figueroa, Hartford
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47. Giovanni Ruiz, Hartford
48. Carmen Baez, Hartford
49. Raymond Baez, Hartford
50. Fransica Baez, Hartford
51. Anne Hulick, Cromwell
52. Veronica Lopez, Windsor
53. Wildaliz Bermudez, Hartford
54. Kenny Foscue, North Haven
55. Juan Gonzalez, Hartford
56. Tamami Wyatt, Westport
57. Germaine Burgess, Middletown
58. Yamirelis Roldan, Vernon
59. Lloyd Munroe III, Tolland
60. Lori Sheehan Bantam, Waterbury
61. Scott Thompson, Fairfield
62. Joel Gordes, West Hartford
63. Peter Millman, Eastern CT
64. Claire Coleman, Haven, CT
65. Kathleen Fay, New Haven
66. Rich, Novack, Orange
67. Lariab Afzaal, Windsor
68. Juan Rueda, Hartford
69. Larry Rosenthal, Hamden
70. Roberta McLaughlin, Meriden
71. Susan Kulis, Hamden
72. Zeshawn Beg, Hamden
73. Ferne Buchanan, Hamden
74. Jim Cruz, Haven



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75. Michael Brown, North Haven
76. Shawn Bayier, Hamden
77. Kim Rodriguez, Hamden
78. Davon Collins, New Haven
79. Kaitlyn Nunn, Waterbury
80. Pete Rosenburg, Hamden
81. John Ferguson, Waterbury
82. Dartanyen Byrd New, Waterbury
83. Jeff Gerber, Ellington
84. Lori Brown, Hartford
85. Jeff Dyreson, Windsor
86. Cari Edwards, Fairfield
87. Michael Murray, Fairfield
88. Dale Kay, Stratford
89. David Bell, Weston
90. LORI SHEEHAN, WATERBURY
91. Scott Hastie, Waterbury
92. William Wesson, Waterbury
93. Connie Seabury, Torrington
94. Jason Meckowski, New Britain
95. Jim Sticca, NAUGAUTUCK
96. Carolyn Brown, Waterbury
97. Yanil Teron, CPRF Hartford
98. Todd Pratt, East hartford
99. Marian Pratt, Granby
100. Carl Pratt, Hampton
101. Tammy Hill, West haven
102. Joey Cruz, Monroe
103. AJ Joel, Glastonbury
104. Billy Johnson, Hartford
105. Jimmy Jones, East Granby
106. James Collins, Sommers,
107. Eric Rosdale, Merdian
108. Lisa Forest, Ellington
109. Justine Oren, Ellington
110. Darby Oren, Ellington
111. Kristy Tarlowski, Willington
112. Dale Gerber, Ellington
113. Sonia Cruz, Ellington
114. Troy Bilodeau, Bolton
115. Thomas Martinez, Vernon
116. Amy Giuliano, South Windsor
117. Cristina Bierce, Bethel
118. Rob Platt, Orange
119. Ismael Medero, Ellington
120. Timothy Cole, PhD, Washington
121. Sneha, Jayaraj, Rocky Hill
122. Jeff Hush, Middletown
123. Janet Tanner, West Hartford
124. Diane Lentakis, Milford
125. Guy West, Canton
126. Jennifer Dionne, East Hartford
127. Bonnie Stein, East Hartford
128. Cindy Garradarndt, East Hartford
129. Myles Mansfield, Enfield, CT



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COMPANIES:

1. 350 CT
2. Bantam Wesson
3. Best Home Performance of CT, LLC
4. Center for Latino Progress - CPRF
5. CHEER and Middletown Green Community Center
6. CHISPA CTLCV
7. Clean Water Action
8. CMC Energy Services
9. Connecticut Fund for the Environment
10. CT Energy Network
11. CT League of Conservation Voters
12. CT Roundtable on Climate & Jobs
13. CT Weatherproof Insulation, LLC
14. Eastern CT Green Energy
15. Efficiency First
16. Efficiency for All
17. Energy & Environmental Security Strategist
18. Energy Efficiencies Solutions
19. Everyday Democracy/UConn
20. Hartford Hospital
21. Home Comfort Practice, Inc.
22. Homestead Fuel Inc.
23. Honeywell
24. Illuminate
25. Johnson
26. JRS BUILDING & REMODELING
27. Loomis Chaffee School
28. New England Smart Energy Group LLC
29. New Opportunities, Inc.
30. Portland Clean Energy Task Force
31. Pratt & Whitney
32. Real Estate Agents Recycle
33. South Norwalk Electric
34. West Wind Consulting