

Good Morning, Senator Harris and Representative Villano and Members of the Human Services committee.

My name is Patricia Burnell. I am a Elderly Outreach Counselor at the Town of Hamden Elderly Services Department.

As an outreach counselor I complete applications for the energy assistance program using documentation for income, assets and expenses for the household.

The application is then picked up by a courier from Community Action weekly for processing which can take up to forty five days.

With the authority to certify and submit applications directly in an electronic format our clients will be better served and the State will also save money.

Therefore, I urge your support for the pilot program, Bill 7232 for the administration of low income energy assistance.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Burnell". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long, sweeping horizontal line at the end.