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To Whom It May Concern:

When I bought my home in Seymour in 1999, I was surprised to find out at the closing that I would not be allowed to use a clothesline to dry laundry. I figured I didn't have any choice in the matter and that it was common practice in Connecticut. Where I grew up on Long Island, many people used clotheslines, including my family. I never imagined it was a privilege that could be taken away.

In 1999, when I bought my home, the price of propane was \$0.90 per gallon. Now it is \$2.60 per gallon. According to research, as of November, 2006, Connecticut had the third highest electric rates in the country, behind Hawaii and Massachusetts. There has been much news about possible 50% rate increases this year.

Regardless of whether I choose to use propane or electricity, it is expensive to dry my laundry. Some people may find clotheslines to be unsightly. I could live with some minor restrictions relating to where on the property a clothesline can be located, such as it should be behind the house and at least 10 feet from the property lines. It is time to remove restrictions on clotheslines.

Concerned Home Owner,

Chris Alonzo