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To: The Energy Committee of the CT State House and Senate

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I wish to speak out in favor of the bill which would allow outdoor drying of clothes by clotheslines or other means in Connecticut and stop towns or cities from barring this pro-environmental practice. Drying clothes by air and sunlight would save energy at a time when there are great concerns about global warming. It would save people money. It would set a good environmental example for children, and people in Washington, DC, in other states and other countries.

As a child on Long Island, I grew up with clotheslines. Our family had several permanently secured, and the laundry always smelled fresh and wonderful. In New Canaan I have heard there is a law against drying clothes in the open air. Not realizing this, for a number of years I have been putting laundry out to dry by draping it over our garden furniture, though now I am nervous I will be caught and fined for doing this, ridiculous as such punishment seems!

Please pass the sensible bill which the Sierra Club, is advocating for. As a Sierra Club member and nature lover, I strongly endorse this sensible, thinking person's proposal! Thank you.

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