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Testimony of Lisa Candels in Support of HB 5596  
"An Act Concerning the Right to Dry"

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Dear Members of the General Assembly and of the Energy and Technology Committee:

One of the nicest things in the world is the smell of sun-dried sheets. It is also a sign of wise use of resources- the free, sanitizing, deodorizing use of sunshine and fresh air. When I was growing up in Avon CT I learned that there was a neighborhood of large new homes that had a list of forbidden actions and activities. Among the forbidden actions was having a clothesline. I was appalled as clotheslines are such an excellent way of saving energy thereby reducing fossil fuel use and greenhouse gases. I also felt that it was very un-American- telling people how to live on their own property.

It is critical that you as members of the Energy and Technology Committee pass this bill. Anything that makes it easier for all of us to do our part in conserving energy is a good thing. It is interesting to note that in my most recent electricity bill, hanging clothes to dry was listed as a good way to conserve energy and money. No one should be disallowed this right.

Thank you for your work.

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