

Connecticut General Assembly
Energy and Technology Committee
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Testimony in support of HB 5596, An Act Concerning the Right to Dry

I live in a condominium in New Haven CT that has restrictions on drying clothes outside or hanging any items outside of the units except for seasonal decorations and flags.

I do think that condominiums should try to accommodate people's desires to dry their clothes outside, for example by using racks with screens to prevent neighbors from having unwanted laundry in their midst, or using the natural architecture to prevent neighbors from viewing the laundry.

The benefits of drying clothes outside are:

- * Sunlight is a disinfectant - 20 minutes of exposure to UV light from sunlight kills bacteria after having been washed in detergent or soap saving the environment from hazardous chemicals
- * Drying clothes outside saves energy and money
- * Clothes that have been dried outside smell better.

I hope that you will include language that requires condominiums to try to accommodate residents that would like to be able to dry clothes outside.

Sincerely,

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