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Energy and Technology Committee
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Testimony of Nina Sakun
in Support of HB 5596 An Act Concerning the Right to Dry

I am Nina Sakun and live at 946 West Blvd, Hartford, Ct.
I have been drying my clothes outside (weather permitting) ever since I bought my house in 1992.
I lived in apartments until then and being able to dry clothes outside was one of the big plusses for me when i was able to live in my own house.

I loved doing this for all the reasons that others talk about: I love saving money for myself and I love saving resources, fossil fuel and unnecessary pollution for our beautiful and stressed planet.

In addition, since I have asthma I felt I was getting clothes that had been aired out, i.e. had fewer detergent chemicals left in them.

For all these reasons I think drying clothes outside should be encouraged rather than prohibited by law or regulation. In my case although I felt I was doing the right and "virtuous" thing on all levels I still always felt a vague discomfort about possibly being perceived as "polluting" the neighborhood aesthetically speaking.

I am glad this issue is being publicly discussed and voted on in the legislature. Maybe I can now think of myself as having been in the drying avant garde.

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