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Energy and Technology Committee

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Testimony of Ken Merrifield in support of HB 5596, An Act Concerning The Right To Dry.

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Committee:

I live in a subdivision that has a deed restriction against clotheslines. These restrictions are not appropriate for the world as it is today. This state, and indeed the world, is rapidly approaching a time when the accumulation of greenhouse gases will permanently alter our planet and its climate. Using a clothesline instead of a mechanical dryer will make a small but positive contribution toward reducing greenhouse gases. An arbitrary deed restriction should not prevent me from doing everything I can to save the planet. This issue has come before our town council on a number of occasions and always with the same result, the town has no authority to refute deed restrictions. Passing this bill will ensure that residents of Connecticut can do their part to save the planet.