

Re: H.B. 5787

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ATTN: Energy & Technology Committee

RE: Cost of Connecticut Energy

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It comes with no surprise that the cost for clean efficient energy has risen in the past year faster than the rise of inflation. Many consumers, like us, still utilize the same or lesser amount of energy and are paying much more. It is significantly disturbing that the cost for energy in Connecticut in this day and age affects businesses, and residential customers alike forcing them to either close or move where it is cheaper to do business. This is important for us in Connecticut as we should not be losing so much of our tax base but rather looking into the possibilities of attracting new businesses, homeownerships and people in general to our great State of Connecticut. Instead, with high taxes, high energy, and high gas tax, it becomes exceedingly difficult to attract both the commercial and residential population. Something should be done by the Legislature SOON to ensure that the state does not close due to lack of business. Connecticut at this time is NOT consumer friendly with all the high taxes and high energy costs that we must bear.

Please consider the necessary changes to be made to ensure the survival of our population and of our state.

Thank you.



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