

Raised Bill No. 504

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LCO No. 2431

AN ACT CONCERNING NATURAL GAS CHOICE

My name is Edward Levene, I am Vice President of LEVCO Tech, Inc.

LEVCO is an energy company based in Norwalk with more than 60,000 energy customers in Connecticut.

For more than a decade commercial natural gas consumers have had the right to select their natural gas supplier. However, Connecticut residential natural gas consumers are blocked from this opportunity. Bill 504 will fix this problem.

We strongly support Bill 504. It will benefit residential natural gas consumers in Connecticut.

The residential natural gas consumer currently can not have budget certainty of what they will pay for an upcoming winter's natural gas. This legislation will fix this problem and give our residential natural gas consumers multiple options.

Currently most residential natural gas consumers find out what their gas cost was last month after they open their bill. This is after they have already used the gas. This legislation will give residential consumers an alternative that they deserve.

Last week, I spoke with a man who is a resident of our State. He called our company to request a program to get a lower cost per kilowatt hour on his electric bill. We provided him with that. He then asked can you help me with my natural gas bill? This legislation will give him the opportunity that he is seeking.

We support Bill 504. It is good for Connecticut residential natural gas consumers and it should be enacted and be Connecticut law