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Recently I saw a global warming commercial on television. A man stands on train tracks, a train coming right for him. The man says, global warming... Some say irreversible consequences are thirty years away. Thirty years... that won't affect me. He then steps off the tracks, revealing a young girl standing behind him. While global warming doesn't concern the man, the young child will have to deal with it. Basically what the message this commercial is trying to relay is that the younger and future generations will have to deal with the impact of global warming... My generation. But that doesn't mean that the older generations can't do something to help out.

This is why we think taking the taxes off of energy efficient appliances will not only save energy and money for the consumer, but it is one step closer to helping our environment. We realize we have to start somewhere, and this is a great place to begin. There is a greater chance of a consumer being attracted to buying an energy efficient appliance prior to someone installing solar panels or wind turbines. The other advantage to this is anyone can save energy if they purchase everyday household appliances with a tax break.

This would help the economy and businesses because more people would buy everyday household appliances. Not only would it help the economy, but will help with global warming. This is because once businesses buy the energy efficiency appliances they would be saving money on the purchase but also, over all, in their energy and electricity bill. The businesses selling the energy efficient appliances would benefit from the tax off because more people would have the demand for these appliances since they are less money. Therefore, the business would gain more money. These appliances would save money, save energy, and always be energy efficient. The sales tax off would lower the prices of energy efficient appliances making them the same or cheaper then the energy wasting brands. Although, in the long run they will be saving the most money over all. Finally this extra money in our people's pockets would double or even triple from the extra money they save on the energy and electricity from these appliances. While it will help out the economy and businesses it will also benefit the every day people consuming them.

The final reason this would be a beneficial bill is that, currently, our country is in a recession. However that is no excuse for anyone to not become energy efficient. Even though it will be \$27 million dollars to carry on with this bill if every town in Connecticut would participate in Programs like The Connecticut Clean Energy Program, a organization that wants to get all the towns in Connecticut to be green, then we wouldn't have to be worrying about that money or bills like these. However if we pass this bill it will save people money helping us "climb out of the hole of recession." Everyone can buy these everyday appliances with their new cheaper prices. Also, because these appliances are things we use everyday like refrigerators, microwaves, exc. it will be more practical for people versus solar panels, wind turbines, and hydro powered water dams. This sales cut will put the prices of the energy efficient appliances down making them the same or cheaper than the energy wasting brands.

In conclusion, this bill will help our economy, people, and our generation, who will really be affected by global warming when it really explodes, help shield or even prevent the big blow it will have not only on Connecticut, the U.S.A, but the World.