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Testimony of Charlotte White  
in Support of HB 5596, An Act Concerning the Right to Dry

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For the past twenty years I have lived at the above address which is part of the Fence Rock Association. In the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions of the Association, Article VII, section 4, Clotheslines, states: "The only type of clothesline to be permitted shall be a rotary type which shall be reasonably located in the rear yard of the premises involved."

A rotary clothesline is very limiting in the amount and size of laundry that can be hung to dry; for example, hanging of sheets and tablecloths is not possible. I think any kind of clothesline a homeowner wishes to install to meet their needs should be permitted. I became interested several years ago in finding as many ways as possible to reduce my use of energy. Hanging my clothes out to dry was one option I chose. I remembered growing up in rural Pennsylvania where we hung all of our laundry out and the lovely fresh scent of our clothes and linens as a result. Hanging my clothes and linens outside to dry is one small step I can take towards reducing fossil fuel use and I want other Connecticut residents to have this opportunity as well.

I urge you to support this Act Concerning the Right to Dry. It will greatly enhance the quality of life we enjoy in Connecticut and help us to be more earth-friendly in our life style, a matter of great importance to me.