

Connecticut General Assembly' 'Energy and Technology
Committee' 'Feb. 28, 2008' 'Testimony of [Dawna M. Glave] in Support of
HB 5596 An Act Concerning the Right to Dry'

My name is Dawna M. Glave, I reside at 137 Duncaster Road, Bloomfield, Ct. 06002. I am very fortunate to own my home, but can emphasize with residents in an apartment or condominium complex where there are restrictions on the use of clothesline. I traveled this past summer, stayed in a condominium complex for 5 weeks, where such a restriction was imposed. The only option in said complex was to use an electric dryer.

I think it important that people should be allowed to use clotheslines. It saves energy, it saves money, it reduces fossil fuel use, it reduces greenhouse gas emissions, it makes for fresher clothes, etc. In addition to the economical and environmental concerns that restricting the use of clothesline would create; there is also a medical component to consider; that of the **latex allergic** individual.

Latex allergies can range from a cough, to skin dermatitis, to anaphylaxis. Many individuals allergic to latex however, do not understand the magnitude of this condition. A smart lawyer however does. I would urge the State Government to, if nothing else, consider the liability that this decision could present. The cost associated with this one medical event for example to Employers, Insurers, Hospitals, and State and Municipal Government as well as the judicial system could be astronomical.

All dryers sold in the United States are made with latex material. When heated this material becomes more toxic. Direct contact, as simple as touching these latex materials, or contact with contamination to clothing while in, or upon loading, or unloading the dryer could cause reactions ranging from a doctor/emergency room visit, or death.

I am appealing to the legislature to pass this bill. Thank you.