

**Connecticut General Assembly  
Energy and Technology Committee  
February 28, 2008  
Testimony of Judi Friedman in Support of HB 5596  
An Act Concerning the Right to Dry**

**Dear Members,**

**My name is Judi Friedman and I am the Chair of PACE (PEOPLE'S ACTION FOR CLEAN ENERGY, INC.) For the past thirty years I have been working to advance the cause of solar energy in this state. Over 15,000 people have attended our PACE solar tours. Over and over they experience the power of solar energy...its availability, its low cost, its lack of polluting emissions and its applications in many areas.**

**One of the best uses of the sun is the drying of clothing...a custom that has been useful for hundreds...probably thousands...of years. Because of our new understanding of global warming and its dangers, this ancient practice has gained new importance as a way to combat the problems of carbon dioxide releases. In fact the prohibition of this practice should not be legal. We are working so hard to solve energy problems that having clotheslines be illegal almost seems quaint and old-fashioned!**

**Please address this wonderful solution to some of our climate problems by passing HB 5596 and give everyone in Connecticut "the right to dry"!**

Judi Friedman

*Green is the new red, white and blue.*