The Energy And Technology Committee

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House Bill No. 5818, AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUMMER SAVER REWARDS PROGRAM

Testimony of

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The Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) has carefully reviewed House Bill No. 5818, AAC THE SUMMER SAVER REWARDS PROGRAM, which seeks to renew Section 119 of Public Act 07-242 for 2008 and add an incentive program for municipalities to encourage resident participation therein. OCC is generally supportive of cost effective initiatives that raise consumer awareness of the benefits of conserving energy.

OCC has long advocated for energy conservation efforts and programs in Connecticut. Given the significant ratepayer cost of the 2007 program, which was approximately $20.5 million, OCC respectfully suggests allowing additional time for the DPUC to fully study the cost effectiveness and impact on conservation of the 2007 program and how best to maximize ratepayer benefits through this program going forward.