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OPPOSITION TO: SB-671 (FUEL ADDITIVES BILL)
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The Connecticut Petroleum Council, representing major oil companies, suppliers and terminal operators in the state of Connecticut, opposes SB-671, a bill requiring the use of additives. The bill appears aimed at a particular additive, although none are named in the bill.

Each major oil company, supplier and/or terminal operator currently chooses which additives to add to diesel fuel (both on- and off-road), home heating oil and power plant fuel---the categories named in the bill. The additives vary, depending upon what the supplier wants to offer and what the customer wants to buy. Custom blending takes place in cities such as New Haven, which has multiple oil terminals. We strongly recommend the current system be allowed to continue, letting the market decide which fuels and additives should be sold---rather than mandating the use a particular additive.

Currently, additives are used for a wide range of purposes: adding detergents, preventing bacteria, reducing nitrogen oxide emissions (NOx), reducing carbon dioxide emissions (CO2), adding cold-flow properties for cold-weather use, and dyeing of fuel. Others are used for stabilizing fuel (in order to prevent separation) and de-icing.

Points against the bill:

- Some additives can be expensive, and can add up to 3 cents per gallon of fuel, depending upon which ones (singularly or combined in packages) are used. An additive such as cetane, used in diesel fuel to boost octane, is expensive, and some sellers prefer to use it in only small amounts. Others use more of it, and that may be reflected in the price.
- Some additives cannot be shipped via pipeline.
- Some additives may not be combined with other additives.
- The bill makes no mention of specific testing criteria, or use of specific testing standards or laboratories to be used when evaluating additives.
- Some additives are more effective than others in achieving their stated goals. We strongly recommend letting major oil suppliers, terminal operators and their customers choose which ones they wish to use. The history of additives used here in Connecticut has been excellent; we are unaware of any problems that have arisen from existing products.

Thank you for considering our testimony. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or comments.