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**Testimony of Rep. Mary Mushinsky (85<sup>th</sup>) in Support of R.B. 180, An Act  
Eliminating the Sunset for the Residential Energy Conservation Service Program;  
R.B. 5217, An Act Concerning Energy Efficient Products; and R.B. 5216, An Act  
Concerning Utility Termination for Households With a Member Less Than Twenty-  
Four Months Old**

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Raised bill 180 is similar to language included in Program Review & Investigations Committee's H. B. 5197. The PRI Committee, which I co-chair with Sen. John Kissel, raised H.B. 5197 to delay a number of program sunsets, including the residential energy conservation service program. The residential energy conservation service program is popular with residents and allows substantial savings—up to 30%—in fuel consumption if energy efficiency services are performed. We commend the co-chairs, Rep. Nardello and Sen. Fonfara, for raising this legislation.

We also suggest an amendment to this bill, or another measure, to add the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to the Energy Conservation Management Board (ECMB) and the CT Energy Advisory Board (CEAB). This is another recommendation of the Program Review & Investigations Committee to enhance CT's economic competitiveness by providing energy efficiency to businesses and is contained in our R.B. 308.