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Energy & Technology Committee:

We are submitting testimony in **support of S.B. 463, AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCING OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY.**

The Independent Connecticut Petroleum Association (ICPA) represents 560 petroleum marketers and their associated business in Connecticut. ICPA members employ over 13,000 people in our state and provide 682,000 citizens with 500 million gallons heating oil annually.

My name is Chris Jordyn and I am the Director of Combustion Technology at the Independent Connecticut Petroleum Association Technical Education Center (ITEC). We are certified by the Connecticut Department of Higher Education as a private occupational school where we train students as energy conservation technicians who become licensed to install and ensure that heating and air conditioning systems operate at peak efficiency.

I am here today to address the sections of the bill that provide zero interest loans for the purchase of high efficiency heating equipment. ITEC entire purpose is to train our students to maximize the efficiency of HVAC equipment. Today, 13,000 of our neighbors are licensed to perform energy efficiency checkups and install new heating in homes and businesses.

One of the key decisions that many homeowners and business owners struggle to make is when to replace old inefficient equipment. S.B. 463 has the potential to be a deal maker that will incentivize an individual to make the investment to install new high efficiency heating equipment.

The benefits of this equipment are undeniable – reduced fuel consumption, lower emissions, reduced cost to consumers along with job security and even job growth!

Home owners save money by using less fuel and the oil dealers and HVAC companies that serve them have the potential to grow their work force due to the type of increased demand that a program like the one in S.B. 463 is attempting to establish.

ICPA asks that the Energy & Technology Committee **support S.B. 463, AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCING OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY.**

Respectfully,

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