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Efficient Lighting 7 Maintenance, Inc is against the proposals currently in place to touch the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF).

The mission of the CEEF is to advance to efficient use of energy, reduce air pollution, and promote economic development and energy security.

Through our use of the CEEF funds we are able to employ 30 individuals here in CT. The securitization of the funds will in essence, cripple the operating budget. In the past when the fund has been "raided" we, like many other Energy-service companies were forced to make drastic cuts in spending, cut employees and even stop working. We were in effect, "shutdown". If there is no money moving from the CEEF fund then there is no program to dispense the money and none of our customers are able to afford the energy-efficient work that they so desperately need.

The answer to stimulating the economy isn't to cripple the one grouping of money that actually contributes to growing jobs and keeping the economy flowing. For every \$1.00 that is spent on energy-efficiency through this program, an additional \$4 are put back into the economy through employees, taxes, supplies, food, etc.

Last year alone we completed over 200 projects. 200 Customers who without the use of a FULLY INTACT CEEF fund would not have been able to afford to convert their old, high-energy-usage equipment to much lower-cost and higher energy-efficient ones.

WE fully support Not securitizing the funds. Leave the program alone. Crippling a program that is finally back up and running from when it was raided years ago is not the answer. Stopping the energy-efficiency movement and Green job growth that is currently taking place in our state would be a disaster. Companies will leave, customers will suffer and it will do more harm than good.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Phillips
Vice President