

Date: March 19, 2010
To: Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
From: Cassandra Kane
Subject: Bill No. 484

I have recently learned that the state is thinking about taking money from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund and I am very upset about the matter. I cannot understand why the state would even think it is ok to take the money that the residents pay for energy efficiency and use it for the budget deficit. I happily pay the fee every month on my electric bill to support these programs knowing the money is going to a good cause. I already pay state taxes; I even support the state with the ridiculously high tax it imposed on cigarettes and do not agree with any more of my money going into the states hands. The other issue at hand here is the jobs that will be affected by the money being taken away. There are many people employed at the electric companies and private business that would suffer greatly if this bill was passed. I personally work for a company that deals directly with the electric companies, using the energy efficiency funds to help small business owners update their systems to save money on the monthly power bill. Not only would my company be greatly affected, but also those companies who we help. I don't think that you really understand the great effect this action would have on the state of Connecticut and I urge you to leave the money where it belongs, in the Energy Efficiency Fund.

Sincerely,
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