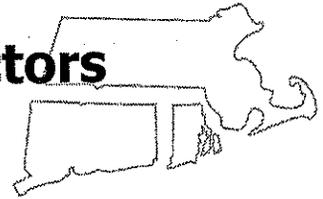




# Independent Electrical Contractors of New England, Inc.



TO: Finance Committee

From: Lisa Stevens, Executive Director

Date: March 21, 2011

RE: Support - **SB-1157 An Act Concerning the Restoration of the Energy Conservation and Load Management Fund.**

The Independent Electrical Contractors of New England (IEC-NE) **strongly supports SB-1157 An Act Concerning the Restoration of the Energy Conservation and Load Management Fund.**

These funds have provided powerful incentives to homeowners and business to move to more energy efficient products and appliances. Many of our customers are looking to incorporate solar photovoltaic (PV) technologies into their homes, schools and businesses to reduce their energy costs. In addition to saving money, more and more individuals simply want to "go green" by utilizing solar and other energy efficient products.

As an industry, electrical contractors have embraced the solar movement and many have taken steps to participate in the CT Clean Energy Fund's Solar PV Rebate program as "Qualified Installers". Without these incentives, solar PV may be out of reach for many homeowners.

**We urge you to support SB-1157.**

*The Independent Electrical Contractors of New England is the premier trade association representing Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island independent electrical contractors aggressively working with the industry to establish a free environment for merit shop -- a philosophy that promotes the concept of free enterprise, open competition and economic opportunity for all.*

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