

**SB 1157- An Act Concerning the Restoration of the Energy Conservation & Load  
Management Fund**  
**Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee**  
**Public Hearing**  
**March 21, 2011**

Good Morning,

I have 3 quick points to make as to why this bill should be adopted.

1) Every town in our state (Except a handful with their own Utilities) that has a representative in the legislative office building has utilized the **CEEF** at one point or another to reduce their energy costs and improve their facilities. Allowing the Energy Efficiency Funds to be securitized prevents towns and businesses from further being able to reduce their costs of doing business at a time when it is most needed.

2) These funds we are discussing are billed by CL&P and United Illuminating. If you live in a town that does not utilize these Utilities then you are **not paying into these funds**. ie: Norwich, Groton, Bozrah, Wallingford. That being said. **CL&P and UI ratepayers are paying off a dept that the entire State of CT has incurred.** That is a selective tax without justification. CL&P and UI ratepayers are not wealthier than the non-ratepayers, and are not of a different class. CL&P and UI ratepayers are not and should not be held solely responsible for the dept of all.

3) **Every** campaign that was run in 2010 stressed jobs and small business. The **CEEF** not only employ's thousands, it assures that thousands more are able to stay in business. The work that is funded through this program reduces energy costs for every job it puts its hands on.

**What is easier from a legislator's perspective?** Creating new jobs out of thin air in a recovering economy? Or making sure that the jobs in place stay in place, and the businesses in place operate as profitably as they possibly can?

**One last note.**

The **CEEF** formula saves \$4.00 in energy costs for every dollar spent. This is from a self-funded Utility managed program.

Why would our heads of state feel it's a good idea to take from a till that does so much good? If any of our legislators were really serious when they shouted **Jobs & Small Business** from the rooftops, then this is the place to start, and when they do, I will be the first one to step up and shout that they meant what they said. Thank you.

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