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Energy & Technology Committee:

We are submitting testimony in **support of section 90 of S.B. 1, AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S ENERGY FUTURE.** We also have some suggestions (below) that we believe will strengthen the bill.

The Independent Connecticut Petroleum Association (ICPA) represents 576 petroleum marketers and their associated business in Connecticut. ICPA members employ over 13,000 people in our state and provide 682,000 Connecticut residences with 500 million gallons of heating oil each year.

I am here today to address section 90 of S.B.1 that provides loans for the purchase of high efficiency heating equipment. Today, 13,000 of our neighbors are licensed to perform energy efficiency checkups and install new heating in homes and businesses. This language will be the trigger that many homeowners need to replace old inefficient heating equipment.

Last year the Fuel Oil Conservation Fund returned \$3 energy savings for every \$1 invested in upgrading inefficient heating equipment. A similar result can be anticipated if section 90 is passed into law. That means job security, job growth, and reduced energy costs for consumers.

We also suggest the following changes to S.B. 1:

- Sec. 21 should only allow for 1 representative from the electric and natural gas utilities to serve on the Low Income Energy Advisory Board. The heating oil industry supplies 53% of all the homes on Connecticut and only has one seat on this board while the utilities hold five seats. This board should have equal representation.
- Sec. 23 should include biodiesel to be used in an "alternative energy devices."
- Sec. 75 should include heating oil in the electricity home "conversion plan". The state should not favor natural gas over home heating oil. Heating oil customers have seen a reduction from 1,200 gallons per home 30 years ago, to less than 800 gallons today. No other fuel, including natural gas, can make the same claim. With emerging oilheat technology we continue to see a reduction in consumption and anticipate further decreases in consumption in the future.

ICPA asks that the Energy & Technology Committee **support section 90 of S.B. 1, AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S ENERGY FUTURE.**

Respectfully,

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