

**Testimony of John Tavarresi
Before the Energy & Technology Committee**

In Support of
**SENATE BILL 450, AN ACT CONCERNING
ENERGY CONSERVATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Submitted by
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I urge your support to lift the \$500k cap on oil funding and taking the necessary actions to continue and strengthen the HES program within the State of Connecticut.

I am a Building Analyst residing in Westport and have conducted nearly 200 home energy audits in the Western part of the State. Nearly every homeowner we service through the program has been enlightened, completely satisfied and has "spread the word" to neighbors and friends in regard to the benefits and merit of the program.

A considerable amount of taxpayer dollars have been invested in training individuals to offer these services through HES. I would suggest it would be counterproductive to not utilize this investment. Failure to support this program will result in the loss of jobs and greater unemployment. This is a beneficial program in many regards and should not be cut.

Governor Malloy is committed to making Connecticut first in the country in energy efficiency. We are on the right path.

I respectfully urge you to support SB450, an act concerning Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, jobs and a very worthwhile program

Sincerely,

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