



# *Middletown Housing Authority*

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Members of the Aging Committee:

My name is William Vasiliou, Executive Director for the Housing Authority of the City of Middletown where we provide a variety of housing for the elderly as well as families in Middletown.

As a practitioner who administers property seven days a week twenty four hours a day I am very familiar with the realities and logistics of what can be practical in the ultimate affects this bill can have and how it can be transformed from the well intended goal of safe and healthy environments to the impractical and costly reality.

If the goal is to allow all residents to remain in their living units and provide full electrical and heating service during an emergency at a level seamless to the resident one must understand the impracticality of such a wide scale application.

Retrofitting existing facilities, many of which are garden style in design, with what would require huge capacity in a standby mode is simply not reasonable. Not only would it require capital improvement costs beyond most budgets but also require a fuel source not always readily available.

In State of Connecticut Elderly Housing neighborhoods must be self sustaining and resources are not fungible. Therefore, any costs with such a mandate would be borne by an already financially burdened Senior population.

I urge you to give informed consideration to the unintended consequences and affects of S.B. no. 79.

Thank you for considering my remarks.