

Testimony of Leticia Colon  
Before the Commerce Committee

**Bill No. 6650**

**AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS.**

Co-Chairmen Senator Lebeau, and Representative Perone and esteemed members of Commerce Committee, I appreciate the opportunity afforded by your committee to be able to testify today .

My name is Leticia Colon and I am representing Energy Efficiencies Solutions, LLC a CT Energy Conservation Company and HES contractor through CLP and UI. I am writing in support of Bill No. 6650, AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

Energy Efficiencies Solutions employs fifteen staff and we participate in the Home Energy Solutions Program (HES) and Home Performance services such as home energy assessments, safety testing, advanced air sealing, insulation, windows and HVAC replacement all within the context of Building Science and within the parameters of the Energy Efficiency Fund. Ratepayers access core services through the Home Energy Solutions program valued at \$800 or more for under \$100 with additional incentives and low cost financing available for deeper retrofits. Through partner programs such as the Clean Energy Communities, offered jointly by the Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority and the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund. These programs help communities to successfully encourage support energy efficiency, and clean renewable energy.

Many of our EES staff came directly to us through programs such as CT Works, the job funnel and other state employment agencies. We have trained these staff and they now have full –time employment and are contribute to state taxes. Many of our staff’s lives would be greatly impacted by lack of work if the Hes programs failed or Oil homes could not be serviced.

That the Commerce Committee is hearing of Bill No. 6650 demonstrates your committee’s understanding of the connection between energy efficiency and clean energy and their impact on business, jobs and the energy economy.

Building a stronger energy efficiency infrastructure will help facilitate our ability to create new jobs and contribute to a growing Connecticut Green economy.

The state of Connecticut spends millions of tax payer’s dollars to entice businesses to come to Connecticut or remain in Connecticut. We must nurture the Green industry and give significant consideration to the policies made and their impact on small business development, employment, health and safety, as well as quality of life. We must support the State and Our Govenor in the decision to make CT the cleanest state in the country and make a stand for clean energy, green energy, and energy efficiency in our homes and businesses.

### **Oil Heated Homes**

If we do not support Oil heated homes our industry would have significant staff layoffs due to diminished opportunities to air seal, insulate, install windows and

replace HVAC equipment. If no mechanism to fund oil heated homes is agreed upon, our industry faces employee layoffs as a result of a diminished opportunity and loss of revenue for HVAC contractors, insulators and window installers. Without the ability to promote rebates and low interest loan incentives to oil customers Connecticut will face the following issues.

- The impact on job creation and economic development when the Home Energy Solutions program and home performance contractors can't equally service 60% of the homes in Connecticut that are heated with oil or propane
- CT homeowners will spend a disproportionate amount of their income to heat their homes and have little left to spend.
- Oil customers need access to rebates and financing as much as other electric customers.
- We can't meet the State's goals of weatherizing 80% of homes by 2030 without assisting oil heated homes.

**Please consider these important points:**

- Our industry needs a stable commitment to all fuel sources in order to instill confidence in the consumer and drive clean energy and energy conservation business.
- Supporting oil customers supports the energy economy and job creation!
- Taking a strong stand on energy conservation is directly supporting the state's goals and the Governor's goals of becoming number one in Clean energy and a green state. It will result in a cleaner environment reduce energy bills, create better CT living standards, create and support jobs, result in less pollution and pollution related diseases which affect children and adults alike.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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