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**Subject:** HB 6650

Dear Representative Perone and Commerce Committee Members,

Please do not tax my family's heat and hot water! I'm very concerned with the bill (HB 6650) raised by your committee that would create a new tax on residential heating oil, kerosene and propane. Connecticut families need to heat their homes to survive. Again, please don't tax my family's heat and hot water.

I wanted to testify in person at your hearing tomorrow, but a prediction of snowy/icy weather has forced me to stay in my office to ensure these same families that would have their heat taxed can keep regardless how bad the weather gets. My family and I have a home heating oil business in southeastern Connecticut. We have been keeping families warm since 1950.

If you would like to have more details about why I think this bill (HB 6650) should not proceed, please see the 4 points below.

I'm always available to talk about this bill or anything you may have questions about.

Sincerely,

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At no time has the state ever taxed these products and they should not start now.

Please consider the following points:

1. A tax on heating oil is regressive. It affects disproportionately the working families and the poor. It will directly impact the low income energy program, reducing the benefits to recipients. This tax would be equivalent to taxing groceries.
2. Special funds don't work. As an example, the state gasoline gross earnings tax was designed to fund pollution clean up. That tank fund was eliminated and the tax remained.
3. This new tax is contrary to the governor's no new taxes pledge.

4. The tax is unnecessary. Through technology, heating oil equipment has already reduced fuel usage by 35% over the past 40 years through efficiency gains made by the industry.

Please work with me and my trade association CEMA (Connecticut Energy Marketers Association) to oppose H.B. 6650.

Thank you.

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