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Testimony In Favor of  
HB 6650 AAC Energy Efficiency Programs

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Investments in energy efficiency have proven over and over again that they save money. Efficiency programs which benefit customers of the regulated utilities, paid for by small systems benefit charges, make economic sense, and have benefitted those customers for years. Oil heating customers have not been able to reap these benefits because their energy suppliers, the oil dealers, are not regulated utilities.

Creation of the Oil Heat and Propane Energy Efficiency Fund will rectify this. An excise tax of just a few pennies per gallon sold will provide the funding for efficiency upgrades. Limiting this tax to oil sold only for residential heating or domestic hot water is appropriate.

Sierra strongly approves of HB 6650, and thanks the Committee for raising it.