

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Hearing Before Energy & Technology Committee
On This Day of February 7th, 2013
In Support of Connecticut's Comprehensive Energy Strategy
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Good Day. Thank you for this opportunity to be heard. My name is Joyce Acebo~Raguskus, from Milford, Connecticut, Chair Diesel Cleanup, Environmental Concerns Coalition, Advocate with Clean Water Action, Coalition for A Safe & Healthy CT, and 350CT. **I fully support Governor Malloy's signing a strong Comprehensive Energy Strategy for Connecticut set forth by DEEP.**

Milford is still recovering from the effects of Climate Change with coastal damage from 2012's hurricanes and our recent unprecedented 38 inches of fresh snow! I'm still recovering from weeks of bronchitis. Our contribution to high CO2 levels does not discriminate if we own a pair of human lungs. We all want to breathe easy, stay warm in winter, and not have to depend on candlelight, when our energy resources fail.

As our own Gina McCarthy, now head of Environmental Protection Agency shares when entering her new post this Monday, there is no discussion about if, Climate Change is. The discussion put forth will be only 'what are we going to do about it?'

Action is the operative for our government and our state of Connecticut, Climate Action. Governor Malloy comprehends the decades of dependency on fossil fuel has contributed to 'serious air pollution problems and the build up of greenhouse gases, and other harmful emissions in the atmosphere.'

Integrated levels of strong Comprehensive Energy Strategy long term, must prevail. I fully support the words of the Governor, CT must strengthen, become more resilient and renewable power, cost effective."

Our citizens future in Connecticut must present a climate safer, stronger and healthier.

We must work together to plan energy strategy that compliments the earth with the well being of its inhabitants, help to balance with nature.

I fully support Governor Malloy in strong and essential energy plan for Connecticut's Climate Action.

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