

Written Testimony Concerning Governor's Bill 6360
AN ACT CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF CONNECTICUT'S
COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY STRATEGY

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My name is Pam McDonald from Simsbury, CT and I am a board member and secretary for *People's Action for Clean Energy* (PACE).

I speak to you today as an individual citizen who has worked with PACE to educate the early-adopting public about low-marginal-cost, environmentally sound, long-term energy options for homeowners.

I applaud Governor Malloy, Commissioner Esty, and especially this committee for working so very hard to create a sensible energy future for our state, a future that will support the economic welfare of the state and of all its citizens. Your persistent, careful and dedicated commitment to these issues deserves commendation and heartfelt thanks and I do thank you.

- 1) Thank you too, for not including nuclear power in Connecticut's Energy Strategy. Unsolved problems remain and we have ample, current experience, from Fukushima to Church Rock, that demonstrate yet again our lack of mastery over the unacceptable risks generated by nuclear power.
- 2) It makes sense for our state's long-term economic future that all homeowners and businesses (including customers of oil heat), invest in conservation and energy efficiency. It makes sense that this investment be endorsed, and partly financed by the state because energy efficiency saves everyone money, perpetually, making citizens and the state as a whole, more secure.
- 3) I congratulate DEEP's Public Utility Regulatory Authority (PURA) for having the expertise and the courage to present the facts of the gas pipeline initiative. I don't know where this issue will land and have mixed feelings about it. (I don't support building a massive natural gas manufacture and delivery system above a strong program of local, truly clean alternative energy, but I prefer natural gas above nuclear power and coal fired plants.)

In any case, I am sure that the indefinitely exorbitant cost of the gas delivery program should not fall unfairly on those least able to afford it.

Thank you for opening a forum for public comment on the CES and for your strong and careful attention to the energy needs of our state.

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