

**Written Testimony of Scott Soucey, Owner of
Scott's Townline Mobil (Farmington, CT)
and
Scott's Avon Mobil (Avon, CT)
General Law Committee Public Hearing
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Senator Doyle, Representative Baram and Honorable Members of the General Law Committee. My name is Scott Soucey, Owner of Scott's Townline Mobil located in Farmington, CT and Scott's Avon Mobil located in Avon, CT. Please accept this written testimony regarding the following bills:

- **H.B. No. 5313, AN ACT REQUIRING GASOLINE STATIONS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH GENERATORS.**
- **H.B. 5344 AN ACT REQUIRING GENERATORS AT GASOLINE STATIONS.**

I have been a Mobil gas station/convenience store owner for over twenty years and have been feeling tough economic times during the past few years. The two bills requiring gas stations to be equipped with generators seems very unfair to a small business owner, like myself, who is already struggling. I also feel that this is not a cost effective approach for the amount of times a generator will be utilized. In addition, please consider the following reasons why I am against these two bills:

1. The generator would cost approximately \$25,000-\$35,000. This is a very costly piece of equipment for small business owners to be mandated to purchase in case of a power outage which happens infrequently. Also, there

would be monthly and yearly maintenance requirements and costs that need to be considered.

2. There will be a noise factor associated with the use of a generator. This may be an issue with gas stations located in residential areas, such as my Farmington location.
3. Gas station owners should not be required to supply its own power when other industries in the state are not faced with the same mandates.
4. Lastly, why should small business owners be faced with paying the bill for the lack of foresight and planning by our electricity companies who cut 60% of their linemen and did not have a comprehensive plan to cut back trees growing over power lines. These are the two main reasons we have been having issues the past couple of years. If our electricity companies were performing ongoing maintenance to protect the power lines, then we would not even be faced with this matter today.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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