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Dear Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz, Senator Frantz, Representative Williams and members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to come before you today to testify in favor of Senate Bill 1095 AN ACT ELIMINATING THE INCREASE IN THE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS GROSS EARNINGS TAX.

I urge your support of Senate Bill 1095, which would eliminate the scheduled increase in the petroleum products gross earnings tax that is scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2013. Just last year we responded to many Connecticut residents that were against raising this tax and instituted a temporary cap. Unless we act on this bill that cap will expire, effectively raising the petroleum products gross earning tax from 7.0% to 8.1%. It is already difficult to find a tax in this state that isn't among the highest in the country. We shouldn't raise this tax and we shouldn't be raising any taxes in this economy. Connecticut citizens have been taxed enough.

Thank you for your consideration.

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