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State of Connecticut General Law Committee
Hartford, CT

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my extreme opposition to the proposed legislation (SB 299) to punish the home heating oil industry in Connecticut for indiscretions of a small minority of problem oil businesses by considering the oil tax guarantee fund. My company does not even offer pre buy programs due to the inherent risk. Why should we be partially responsible? As a small business we already pay large sums I fees and taxes to the State. Another is simply piling on. Why should we even have confidence that Connecticut would even maintain this fund in the future? The utter failure of the under ground tank fund as well as the transportation fund being bled off to the general fund does not present a great track record for legislative Robin Hood law making. I also feel that the more regulatory pressure that is brought to bear the fewer small community dealers will be able to exist, giving way to more large national utility like companies. Not a good omen for the already burdened state consumer

I am also curious as to the criminal or civil enforcement actions taken by the state on the companies that do not cover there oil contracts. Are violations being pursued? Is perjury occurring and not being prosecuted?

Sincerely Yours,

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