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To Whom It May Concern:

I am opposed to both of the following bills. Fracked gas pipeline expansion is one of the worst possible solutions for energy in this day and age. Fracked gas, along with nuclear energy, coal and oil are extremely bad and we need to be moving away from these sources of energy...not expanding them. 'We the people' have been and continue to be opposed to any expansion of natural gas. While fixing existing pipelines to use what reserves we have, during the transition is understandable, expanding the pipelines so that the gas corporations can prosper and flourish is not in the best interest of the people of our state, climate change, the environment or life on this planet. We the people have been uniting in our communities to develop new, clean, renewable energy by developing small, local renewable energy, energy efficiency and conservation businesses and measures. We do not want our state or federal governments pushing toxic gas down our throats. We do not want it and we do not want to pay for the gas corporations to profit at OUR expense... in terms of money and in terms of well being. We need our government to stand up for us, our health and the health of our lands, water and air, not big corporate interests. We need to change our economic system from one that hijacks our government to one that works for all the people and our ecosystem, not one that works for the greed of the billionaires. Please do not pass these bills and stop the destructive plans for big gas expansion. Thank you, Miriam Kurland, Mansfield Center, Ct. 06250 mimbck@yahoo.com

RHB 1078-**AN ACT CONCERNING AFFORDABLE AND RELIABLE ENERGY.**" The bill reads in part:

Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) In any rate application filed with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority on or after July 1, 2015, by any electric distribution company, the electric distribution company may seek cost recovery for the costs of purchasing new natural gas capacity either through procuring contracts for new pipeline capacity **or otherwise**, as directed by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection pursuant to section 4 of this act.

RHB 6985-**AN ACT INCREASING NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION CAPACITY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened: Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) An electric distribution company may enter into a long-term contract for the purchase of natural gas transportation capacity for the benefit of electric distribution company customers. Such contract shall be submitted to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority for its review and approval. The net benefits received or costs incurred by the electric distribution company as a result of such contract shall be either distributed to **or recovered from all customers** of the contracting

electric distribution company through the federally mandated congestion charge as defined in section 16-1 of the general statutes.