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SUPPORT

**H.B. No. 5287: AN ACT PERMITTING UTILITY SERVICE VEHICLES TO TRAVEL THE MERRITT AND WILBUR CROSS PARKWAYS WHEN RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES**

**S.B. No. 867: (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SLOWING DOWN FOR GARBAGE TRUCKS, RECYCLING TRUCKS AND OIL AND TANK VEHICLES**

Dear Transportation Committee: I am President and owner of Hocon Gas, Inc., we employ approximately 150 people in Connecticut and have operating facilities in Norwalk, Danbury, Torrington, Guilford, Waterbury and Suffield. We also operate approximately 50 service, fuel oil and bulk (Bobtail) delivery vehicles in our state.

Our company strongly supports both bills above. We would like to suggest H.B. 5287 be slightly modified to allow our type of service vehicles to also utilize the Merritt Parkway when responding to fuel oil and propane gas emergencies. As presently drafted, the bill is restricted to Utility Vehicles. This bill needs to be expanded to include non-utility service vehicles that are frequently required to respond to similar emergencies of a Utility Company.

S.B. No. 867 creates a safer work environment for our Bulk Delivery Drivers. The majority of our fuel deliveries must be performed by parking on the street side and this creates a risk for our personnel especially when there is approaching traffic. Requiring oncoming traffic to slow down reduces the risk of collision and will improve the level of safety for our delivery drivers.

We encourage the Transportation Committee to advance both pieces of legislation this session. Thank you for your consideration today.

