

THURS: Press Conference on budget raids of clean energy and energy efficiency programs

HARTFORD, CONN. – Labor, public health, consumer and environmental advocates, as well as owners and employees of local clean energy businesses, will gather at Connecticut’s Legislative Office Building Thursday morning to denounce budget proposals that massively raid energy efficiency and clean energy programs.

The Republican proposal raids \$320 million (\$160 million annually) from Connecticut’s nationally acclaimed Conservation & Load Management program (C&LM) and the Democratic proposal would divert \$20 million in revenue from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) program. The funding has been intended to support the C&LM residential and commercial programs, municipal energy efficiency efforts, and the Connecticut Green Bank’s clean energy programs. Both the C&LM and RGGI funds create jobs, help families and businesses save billions of dollars in energy costs, reduce harmful climate pollution, and supply significant state tax revenue by fueling private growth. Cutting funding for these programs will harm Connecticut’s economy and health, and damage the state’s credibility as a clean energy leader.

WHAT:

Press conference responding to Republicans’ and Democrat’s budget proposals to raid C&LM and RGGI funding

WHEN: Thursday, May 25
10:00 – 10:30 AM

WHERE: Room 1B, Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Ave, Hartford, CT

WHO:

Karen Adamson, Executive Director, Operation Fuel
Representative James Albis

Rebecca Bias Castro, employee, Energy Efficiency Solutions

Claire Coleman, Climate and Energy Attorney, Connecticut Fund for the Environment

William Dornbos, Connecticut Director & Senior Attorney, Acadia Center; and Vice Chair, Energy Efficiency Board

John Humphries, CT Roundtable on Climate & Jobs

Chris Phelps, State Director, Environment CT

David Sutherland, Director of Government Relations, The Nature Conservancy Connecticut Chapter

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