OPPOSE BUDGET RAID OF CLEAN ENERGY FUNDS

Sweeps to Energy Efficiency Funds and Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Funds would be bad for Connecticut's economy and our health

ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

Proposed Cuts: $160 Million Annual

What is the Energy Efficiency Fund?

Connecticut's energy efficiency program, also known as the Conservation & Load Management (C&LM) program, is funded primarily by a small charge on electric and natural gas bills, some revenue from RGGI auctions, and from the efficiency's value to the grid from efficiency energy savings.

These funds provide comprehensive energy efficiency services to businesses and families that reduce wasteful energy consumption and reduce energy costs.

Benefits of our Energy Efficiency Programs

Jobs

In 2016, the design, installation and manufacture of energy efficiency products and services in Connecticut accounted for nearly 34,000 jobs, with approximately 12,000 of those jobs generated directly from the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund.

The proposed raids would stifle job growth in Connecticut in some of the fastest growing industries.

Consumer Savings

2016 investments in energy efficiency will save consumers approximately $961.8 million in lifetime bill savings, meaning every $1 invested in energy efficiency will save another $3.89 on utility bills.

Taking away these savings will hurt household budgets and cripple business growth.

Public Health and Environmental Benefits

Reductions in carbon and other harmful pollution stop damage to our climate and keep our air and water safer.

Data: Energy Efficiency Board Annual Legislative Report 2016, Acadia Center, & US Dept. of Energy

1,178,981

Residential Projects and Rebates

6,528

Business Projects

2,924

Municipal and Board of Education Buildings Benchmarked

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REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE

Proposed Cuts: $20 Million

What is RGGI?

RGGI is a multi-state initiative requiring power plants to purchase emission allowances at an auction, and the money is reinvested in energy efficiency programs and the Connecticut Green Bank. RGGI investments have saved the state millions in energy costs, saved lives, and created thousands of jobs.

According to a 2016 poll conducted by the Sierra Club, 74% of Connecticut voters support the RGGI program.

Raiding RGGI Funds Harms Connecticut

Raises Energy Costs

Higher energy costs from the RGGI raids will hurt families and businesses.

Every $1 of investment in CT's energy efficiency programs will save another $3.89 on utility bills.

Harms Public Health

In the first five years, RGGI saved Connecticut up to 34 lives, preventing 1,950 lost work days, and saving over $300 million in health care costs.

Disrupts Economic Growth

Kills high-paying, local green jobs and reduces tax revenue.

Threatens Grid Reliability and Regional Cooperation

The energy savings from C&LM and RGGI function like a high capacity power plant that ISO-NE depends on for grid reliability.

Diverting the funds violates CT law and the nine-state RGGI agreement signed by CT.

Data: CT Department of Environmental Protection & Abt Associates

Don't let shortsighted budget cuts cripple Connecticut's clean energy economy and public health!

These programs invigorate the economy, save money, and protect our health and environment

COMBINED 2016 RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL PROGRAM SAVINGS

SAVINGS:
Annual: **$78.3 Million**
Lifetime: **$961.8 Million**

Projects and Rebates:
1,185,509

Air Emissions Reduced:
CO_2: **3.3 Million Tons** (Lifetime)
SO_X: **2,916 Tons** (Lifetime)
NO_X: **1,556 Tons** (Lifetime)

ENERGY SAVINGS

kWh = Electricity
Annual: **442.3 Million**
Lifetime: **5.1 Billion**

CCF = Natural Gas
Annual: **6.9 Million**
Lifetime: **105.0 Million**

Gallons = Fuel Oil and Propane
Annual: **1.6 Million**
Lifetime: **33.6 Million**

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