

Rising electric rates and fuel costs cut into our income and quality of life.

The state legislature has worked hard this year to protect Connecticut's energy efficiency and clean energy funds.

In January, the Governor's budget proposed cuts of \$25 million to eliminate jobs in clean energy. We disagreed because it was penny wise but pound foolish, putting federal dollars at risk.

Protecting Connecticut's award winning energy programs allowed us to qualify for an additional \$40 million from the federal government from the stimulus program.

The programs described here can help us reduce energy costs in the future.

Please contact me at 1.800.842.8267 for more information about our energy programs.

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## **REWARDING ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES** *Programs available to you*

### Did you know?

- » Reduce your electric bill by 2% by raising the temperature of your air conditioner by 2 degrees this summer
- » Microwave ovens draw less than half the power of conventional electric ovens
- » Compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) use ¼ the energy of a regular bulb
- » Wrapping your water heater in an insulating blanket can save \$2 a month
- » Doing two dryer loads in a row is the best way to use the generated heat

The Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund (CEEF) has already generated over 3,000 jobs and is returning \$4 on every dollar invested. The fund took 203,000 tons of carbon dioxide out of our air in 2008 – the equivalent of taking 44,000 cars off the road.

#### **Solar Panels**

You may lease solar panels for your home or business. Any household at or below 200% of area's median income is eligible to take advantage of this program – in New Haven, that would be \$156,600 for a family of four. *www.ctcleanenergy.com* | *860.563.0015* 

#### **Energy Conservation Loan Program (ECL)**

The program provides low-interest loans of up to \$25,000 for the purchase and installation of energy conservation improvements. Eligible improvements include some types of heating systems, insulation, thermostats, solar systems, roofs, windows and doors.

This program has income requirements which vary on the size of your household. For example, a family of four in New Haven with a yearly income of \$156,600 or less would be eligible. *www.chif.org* | 800.992.3665 ext. 2019 or 2023

#### Home Energy Audit

Connecticut's energy efficiency fund supports the Home Energy Solutions Program, a home energy testing program. A trained technician will come to your home, evaluate its energy performance and apply energy saving measures during the process. This program is open to anyone who heats their home with electricity, natural gas, oil, propane or kerosene.

United Illuminating administers the program in our town. There is a \$75 fee for all customers for a limited time. *www.uinet.com* | *1-877-WISE-USE* 

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