

Dear Representatives Morin and Wood,

My name is Carolann and I'm one of your constituents in Wethersfield. I'm writing to express my concern over the unreasonable Eversource rate hikes. The citizens of Wethersfield and of all the state of CT cannot afford their electric bills. Of the 48 contiguous states, the two with the highest electric rates are CT and MA, both serviced by Eversource for years. Eversource pays their CEO \$19.8 million dollars a year for running monopoly. Most CEO's with large pay packages have to earn it in a competitive environment where they must craft a strategy to do better than the competition. Eversource has no competition. The state Public Utilities Commission is simply not doing its job of serving the public by approving these rate hikes. PURA is appointed by the Governor and is supposed to be the advocate for the consumer yet the 5 commissioners are paid \$150K each.

These bills are too much for any family to pay and I'd like to ask if you can help. Some suggestions: 1- Disband PURA and replace with an independent (non-appointed), consumer-focused body to review rates and allow Eversource only a reasonable rate of return, 2- Review legislation to phase in green energy sources as alternates or supplements to traditional energy, and 3-require that our utility market has more than just one energy company to foster competition.

Would you kindly pass along my concern which has also been expressed by many other residents to the appropriate legislative committee and let me know what you can do to help? I cannot pay my \$492 electric bill this month.

Thanks very much,

Carolann Genovesi
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