

TESTIMONY CONCERNING  
TROPICAL STORM ISAIAS RESPONSE AND ELECTRIC UTILITY RATE INCREASES  
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To: Honored Chairs Sen. Needleman and Rep. Arconti and Distinguished Members of the  
Energy and Technology Committee

In our home, we live as though the power will go out at any moment. Since our well pump doesn't work without power, we always keep a supply of water on hand. We keep very little fresh and frozen food in our refrigerator. We give away excess food from our garden rather than freeze it. This cuts down on food waste during an extended power outage.

In the first three months of 2019, we lost power seven times. So far this year, it's been out at least three times. While these power outages are aggravating and unhealthy, what concerns me more is the secondary power generation network - all the home generators running on fossil fuel, spewing yet more carbon into the atmosphere. A number of our friends and neighbors have invested in whole house generators, because our electric supply is so unreliable.

Please consider strengthening and improving our electric grid here in Connecticut by expanding energy storage for renewable energy, promoting solar energy through the Residential Solar Investment program, keeping solar net-metering, and repealing the pipeline tax.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony concerning Connecticut's electric grid.

Sincerely,  
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