



# State of Connecticut

## Office of Consumer Counsel

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**The Energy and Technology Committee**  
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### **H.B. 6127 AAC Utility Deposits for Business Customers**

**Testimony of Mary J. Healey, Consumer Counsel**  
**Presented by Victoria P. Hackett, Staff Attorney**

The Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) has carefully reviewed H.B. 6127 AAC *Utility Deposits for Business Customers*, a bill that would call for a DPUC docket to study utility deposit criteria for businesses. The OCC supports this bill and would urge its passage.

As the independent ratepayer advocate for consumer interests in all matters which may affect Connecticut consumers with respect to public service companies, the OCC looks forward to taking part in the proposed docketed proceedings.

As a statutory party to all matters before the DPUC, the OCC would participate in order to ensure a thorough study and fully balanced outcome, which would be fair to business owners as well as ratepayers.