

Take steps to make electricity more affordable and clean energy more accessible for low-income Connecticut residents by:

- **Creating a Discount Rate for Low-Income Residents.** Low income customers are particularly vulnerable to high energy prices. Compared to other households, they experience a higher energy burden. Connecticut should establish a low-income discount rate to reduce the cost of electricity and gas utilities for qualified low-income customers.
- **Ending Costly Reconnection Fees.** When residents struggling to pay electricity bills fall behind, utility companies shut off power and then charge outrageous reconnection fees - as high as \$400 - to turn it back on. Reconnection fees are unnecessary penalties on people already struggling to pay their bills
- **Prioritizing Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy Programs for the Most Energy Burdened, Low-Income & Energy Insecure Residents.** Energy efficiency and 100% renewable energy programs help reduce energy use and increase energy independence. These programs should go to those that are struggling the most: energy burdened, low-income, energy insecure residents.

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