

## House Republican Press Release

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### **A VIEW FROM THE INSIDE** **State Representative Ruth Fahrbach** **CL&P offers free energy saving program to customers**



As the days get shorter and the weather turns colder, Connecticut residents are preparing for the seasonal increase in their utility bills that are inevitable during New England winters. Many people in our state have concerns that bills could be much higher this winter.

Consumers looking to reduce or minimize their utility bills this winter may want to take advantage of the Weatherization Residential Assistance Partnership (WRAP) program that is offered by Connecticut Light and Power, in conjunction with the Connecticut Energy Efficiency Fund. The WRAP program is available throughout the year, but is used most frequently in the late-fall and winter months.

The way the program works is an assessment of your home will be done by a trained specialist. After inspecting all the doors and windows for air leaks, major appliances like your refrigerator and your furnace will be inspected to see if replacing them with more energy-efficient models is recommended. Simple steps like these can lead to savings on your utility bill.

According to CL&P, eligibility for the program is based on household income and the percent of total annual income spent on energy. Applying for the program can be easily done with a simple form and the program is open to homeowners and renters. Renters must have their landlord sign a permission statement (included with the application), because landlords are required to grant permission for tenants in their buildings who seek to participate. To request an application, call 1-800-388-WRAP (1-800-388-9727).

The CEEF promotes efficient energy use, helps residents and businesses save on their electric bills, advances economic development, reduces electric demand and helps reduce air pollution. CL&P administers the CEEF through conservation programs that serve residential customers, including low- and fixed-income customers, as well as business and municipal customers.

Connecticut's energy-efficiency programs are funded by the conservation charge on customers' electric bills. So, why not take advantage of this program, you're already paying for it.

Additional information on Connecticut's energy-efficiency programs can be found at [www.ctenergyinfo.com](http://www.ctenergyinfo.com).

Also, the federal government offers a weatherization program to qualifying consumers. Go to [www.energy.gov/energyefficiency](http://www.energy.gov/energyefficiency) for details.

*Rep Ruth Fahrbach represents the 61<sup>st</sup> District, including Suffield, and parts of Windsor and East Granby, in the General Assembly.*