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Let's Stop Connecticut's Dependence on Fossil Fuels

Tell Hartford to Repeal the State's Ratepayer Gas Tax

Our dependency on fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and gas pollutes our air and water, contributes to climate change, threatens public health, and leaves us vulnerable to volatile price increases. Each stage of the fossil fuel life cycle—extraction, transportation, processing, and combustion—all carry significant environmental and economic costs.

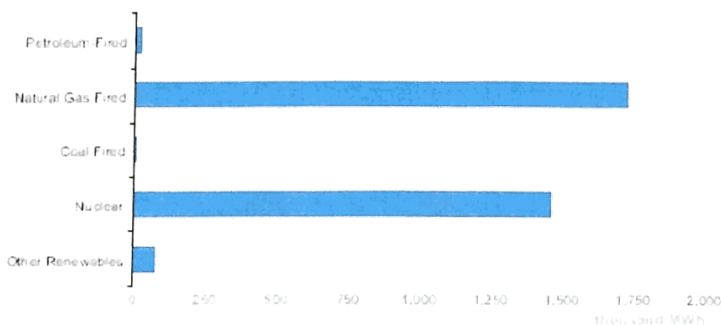


The State of Connecticut now stands at an energy crossroads. We can either build new infrastructure that will shackle us to reliance on fossil fuels for decades to come, or we can invest in clean, homegrown, renewable energy. Unfortunately, recent state policies are taking Connecticut in the wrong direction. Let's turn this around!

Connecticut Must Turn Toward Clean, Renewable Energy

Renewable energy such as solar and wind does not cause pollution at the point of generation, requires no water resources to operate, can be generated in-state, and creates good local jobs.

Connecticut Net Electricity Generation by Source, Aug. 2016



CT set a Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) goal of deriving a minimum of 23% of total in-state electricity generation from renewable sources by the year 2020. Unfortunately, with only three years remaining, Connecticut is not on pace to meet the RPS goal. We are currently generating only 2.4% of our electricity from renewable energy sources.

State Policies Taking Connecticut in the Wrong Direction

Rather than moving aggressively toward meeting our state's critical renewable energy goals, Connecticut has instead wrongly prioritized the expansion of gas infrastructure. As a result, Connecticut has not only fallen behind on meeting our clean energy goals, we are unfortunately becoming increasingly reliant on natural gas imports from out of state. Connecticut is currently developing a draft *Comprehensive Energy Strategy (CES)* to significantly expand gas infrastructure, which would result in the construction of five new gas-fired power plants, as well as the expansion of hundreds of miles of gas pipelines across the state. This must be stopped.

Repeal Connecticut's Gas Infrastructure Tax!

Connecticut passed legislation in 2015 that requires ratepayers to foot the bill for gas infrastructure expansion through a charge on ratepayers' electric bills. Similar charges have been blocked in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, but Connecticut's tax remains in place. Connecticut's gas infrastructure tax leaves Connecticut ratepayers to shoulder a disproportionate share of the costs in a region-wide expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure in New England. *We must not shackle Connecticut to fossil fuel dependence for decades to come on the backs of CT ratepayers!*

How you can help! Contact Governor Malloy (via email, mail, phone, or online) and tell him:

1. Your name and address.
2. Ratepayers must not subsidize energy infrastructure projects that tie us to dirty fossil fuels and delay progress on meeting our state's renewable energy goals.
3. **Repeal the Gas Infrastructure Tax (established in PA 15-107)!**
4. Ask Governor Malloy to respond in writing, informing you of his position on this issue.

Please send a copy of any response you receive to CCE's Hamden office—it helps us track progress on the issue. Thanks!

Options for contacting Governor Malloy:

Email:	Mail:	Call:	Online:
governor.malloy@ct.gov	Hon. Dannel P. Malloy Governor of CT c/o Constituent Services 210 Capitol Ave. Hartford, CT 06106	860.566.4840	Submit a comment via the Governor's online form: http://bit.ly/2hlUnwF

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