

To Honored Chairs Senator Cohen and Representative Greska, Vice Chairs Senator Slop and Representative Palm, Ranking Members Senator Miner and Representative Harding.

From: Rev. Cynthia Willauer, 55-1 Beaver Brook Road, Lyme, CT

Thank you for seeking opinions of ordinary folk regarding the goal that Ct. take measures to reduce pollution in our most distressed communities.

"Air quality" sounds like just a word until you have been exposed to the air people breathe on "bad air days" in Bridgeport or Hartford and probably other cities, as well, though I hope and pray not. Pollution kills, so I am glad you have before you bills that when effected will protect the public health of people less able to petition for help than sm I.

It's hard enough for me, a person whose vocation depends on speaking up, to do my civic duty and write to you, experts that you are all in the field of improving air quality in Connecticut.

But I have sat with a group of people in Bridgeport who were fearing the burden of a change station right where residents hoped to have a space for community recreation, and I heard from them about illness already afflicting families, and ever since I have longed for relief from this kind of hardship for them.

Please support HB 6551 and other measures that lead Connecticut to better air quality and to fairness in relation to the less affluent of our state across the board.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Rev. Cynthia Willauer