

I want to thank the members of the General Law Committee for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Jane Bourdeau and I am the manager of BantamWesson. We are family owned energy company that is engaged in the sale of heating oil, Bioheat, and Propane with locations in Waterbury, Cheshire, Canton, and Bantam. We have been in business for X years and we are here in support of SB 152, AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DELIVERY TICKETS FOR GASOLINE, KEROSENE, FUEL OILS OR SIMILAR SUBSTANCES.

This is consumer friendly legislation that modernizes the law to allow for the electronic transmittal of fuel delivery tickets. Section 14-329 of the general statutes requires that when a heating fuel delivery occur we are required to leave a paper ticket that shows the number of gallons delivered, the price of the fuel and other information about the delivery.

SB 152 simply allows consumers who choose to receive a fuel delivery confirmation electronically, opposed to a paper ticket, to do so. The law does not currently allow for this, and that is why we need this bill.

Our customers get electronic confirmation of the purchase of virtually every product and service they receive, but the delivery of fuel has not been able to keep up with this evolution because of Connecticut law. All we are asking for is to respond to our customers request to treat the purchase of heating fuel the same way other products are treated.

COVID really highlighted this issue. Several customers and our drivers we not comfortable with having to go to their door to leave a paper delivery ticket. While we take all of the CDC precautions to mitigate transmission, our customers and drivers were still uncomfortable with having to leave a ticket with the customer.

There is also an environmental benefit to this bill. Right now a truck idles for several minutes while we print a delivery ticket and walk it to the house and back to the truck. For every minute the truck is idling it is producing diesel emissions. While the five minutes it takes to do this may not seem like a lot, we need to look at all of the fuel our industry delivers and how much time it takes to just do the delivery ticket part.

According to our trade association, the Connecticut Energy Marketers Association, we sell approximately 450,000 million gallons of heating oil per year at 125 gallons per delivery on average, which results in a total of 3.6 million total deliveries state wide. If every customer were to elect to receive an electronic delivery ticket over a paper ticket left at their house, it would result in 12,500 total days of saved time and reduced diesel emissions by eliminating all that idling time.



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On behalf of our customers and our company we ask that you support SB 152, AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC DELIVERY TICKETS FOR GASOLINE, KEROSENE, FUEL OILS OR SIMILAR SUBSTANCES and allow our industry to modernize how delivery tickets are transmitted to our customers in response to their needs.