

TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

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Senator Martin Looney, President of the Senate 300 Capital Avenue Legislative Office Building, Room 330 Hartford, Connecticut 06106-1591

Senator Cathy Osten 300 Capital Avenue Legislative Office Building; Room 2700 Hartford, Connecticut 06106-1591

Dear Senator Looney and Senator Osten:

In recognizing the significant financial burden the "public benefit" charges on electric bills placed on the residents and businesses in our town; and the lack of legislative oversight to implement these charges, the Ledyard Town Council adopted the attached "Resolution to Call on the Connecticut State Legislature to Support Legislation Which Aims to Eliminate The Public Benefits Charges On Electric Bills for Connecticut Residents And to Fix Systemic Issues Which Enables Such Fees And Charges".

While we understand the Public Benefit Charge on electric bills has been scheduled to sunset in April, 2025; the Ledyard Town Council strongly encourages that legislative measures be put in place that would require all public benefit-related initiatives be proposed, debated, and approved through the legislature with proper votes on the funding via the state budget process, rather than being simply implemented by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) Board.

The Ledyard Town Council calls on all Legislators to work collaboratively with Governor Ned Lamont and the Regulatory Agencies to protect Connecticut citizens by implementing policies that promote transparency and affordability in utility billing; and more importantly, to address the root cause that has allowed the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) the ability to implement the fee with no legislative oversight.

The Ledyad Town Council trusts that our Legislators position to protect the constituents they represent aligns with our commitment to advocate for fiscal responsibility, transparency, and the well-being of our residents. Therefore, we ask that measures be enacted to fix the systemic issues that has enabled theses fees and charges to be imposed; and that will prevent the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) from implementing such fees with no legislative oversight going forward.

Should you have any questions, or would like to discuss this important issue, and our request in Town of Ledyard's Resolution #003-2025/Mar 26 (b) further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

S. Naomi Rodriguez

Town Council Chairman

cc:

Senator Anthony Nolan; Senator Martha Marx; Representative Brian Lanoue; Representative Greg Howard Representative Kevin Ryan; Courtney Cullinan, Chief of Staff