

A 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.

WHEREAS: The Ledyard Town Council recognizes the significant financial burden that "public benefit" charges on electric bills place on the residents and businesses of our town; and

WHEREAS: These charges, often included as line items on electric bills, are imposed on consumers without sufficient transparency or direct accountability, resulting in increased energy costs for households and businesses; and

WHEREAS: These charges also circumvent the legislative process regarding decisions causing these fees, effectively allowing utilities to impose costs without direct legislative oversight; and

WHEREAS: All public benefit-related initiatives should be proposed, debated, and approved through the legislature with proper votes on their funding via the state budget process, rather than being implemented by the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) board; and

WHEREAS: The Ledyard Town Council is committed to advocating for measures that ensure affordability, fairness, and accountability in utility billing for our residents; and

WHEREAS: The Ledyard Town Council supports legislative measures that align with our commitment to fiscal responsibility, transparency, and the well-being of our residents; and

WHEREAS: The Ledyard Town Council supports the following proposed legislation that endeavor to protect the consumer and make electricity more affordable for Connecticut residents and businesses by recommending changes to the general statutes and augmenting the way fees are implemented and assessed:

- S.B. 647 - An Act Concerning Protections for Consumer Access to Affordable Electricity
- S.B. 598 - An Act Prohibiting Electric Distribution Companies from Collecting Fees other than Fees for the Purchase or Delivery of Electricity
- H.B. 5923 - An act establishing a task force to study electric distribution company accountability and electric distribution competition and infrastructure
- H.B. 5404 – An act concerning the composition and conduct of the public utilities regulatory authority (PURA)

NOW, THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED; That the Ledyard Town Council hereby expresses its strong support for Connecticut Senate Bills #598 and #647, as well as Connecticut House Bills #5923 and #5404, all proposed during the 2025 session, and urges the Connecticut General Assembly to take swift and decisive action to pass this legislation during the current legislative session.

That the Town Council calls upon Governor Ned Lamont and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to support the aforementioned legislation and work collaboratively with the legislature to implement policies that promote transparency and affordability in utility billing.

That the Town Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Senator Catherine Osten, Representative Greg Howard, Representative Brian Lanoue, Representative Kevin Ryan, Governor Ned Lamont, the Connecticut General Assembly Committee on Energy and Technology, the Connecticut General Assembly leadership and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to convey the Town Council's position on this matter.

That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Adopted by the Ledyard Town Council on: _____

Naomi Rodriguez, Chairman