



Ann Pratt, Executive Director of Connecticut Citizen Research Group is participating in the New England Climate ride from Bangor to Boston to help raise funds to build our organizing capacity in Connecticut- and to make sure one more state is on a clear, strong path towards a Zero Carbon Future.

The Climate Ride proceeds support the following legislative victories and the hard work ahead.

PASSED! [HB 5002](#) AAC A Green New Economy and Environmental Protection. This bill includes a fix for the 2018 energy bill that had solar net metering on track for elimination, threatening the industry as well as hundreds of jobs. While CCAG and allies are not thrilled with all aspects of the bill, the fix on net metering is critical and does at least move us in the right direction on renewable energy.

PASSED! [SB 753](#) AAC The State Wide Ban on Fracking Waste. After six years, a three-year moratorium, and 58 local fracking waste ban ordinances, we have legislation that will permanently ban fracking waste in Connecticut! While the bill had a preemption clause added in the Senate, which negates the authority of municipalities to enact their current ordinance, passage of SB 753 brings the same protections to all 169 towns.

PASSED! [HB 7156](#) Offshore Wind. After months of effective advocacy by you and so many allies, offshore wind power will become a reality for Connecticut. We become the first state to mandate project labor agreements and prevailing wages for all offshore wind projects. The bill also includes some of the strongest environmental protections for marine life, ecosystems and commercial fishing in the nation.

Energy Efficiency Funds. Through your electric bill, you pay for programs that lower energy waste and expense, and spur home-grown jobs. In 2017, the legislature raided \$145 million of your funds to balance the budget. The initial diversion occurred in June 2018. This decision resulted in lost jobs, business uncertainty, missed opportunities to reduce bills for working families, lost opportunities to lower carbon emissions as well as air and water pollution, and diminished trust in state leaders.

The good news is that the Connecticut 2019 budget does not include any *new* diversions of these ratepayer funds for at least the next two years; the bad news is that neither the legislature nor the Governor took any action to stop the \$54 million diversion this year. We remain vigilant.

MORE WORK TO DO ON CLIMATE

A CT Call to Climate Action! Sept. 20 thru 27. As a part of this global week of action, the CT Climate Crisis Mobilization (C3M) is bringing together a diverse coalition of individuals and groups to plan actions that call attention to the climate crisis, including a call for environmental justice, social and racial justice, economic and immigration justice, as these are all connected with our fight to maintain a livable Earth. The CT Climate *Strike* on September 20 begins a week of action in every city and town, every school, every workplace, every house of worship. [Read more here.](#)

SB 232 AAC The Allowable Percentage of Leakage from Gas Pipelines. This bill didn't move forward in this year's legislative session but collective advocacy prompted legislators to hand this over to the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA).

The CT Sierra Club and the CT Roundtable on Climate and Jobs have been approved as participants in the proceedings for the dockets at PURA. The following issues will be addressed:

- allowable percentage of lost and unaccounted for gas
- environmentally significant leaks
- leak detection
- ratepayer protection
- climate impact
- transparency.

These issues generally fit within the scope of Docket No. 18-03-28, which will be addressed by PURA. We will be monitoring and revisiting this issue with any requests that are not passed in next session.

CT! Stop Building Dirty Power Plants! Construction of new fossil fuel power plants continue in Connecticut despite state mandated emission reduction goals. No other state in the region is doing this. It is time for Connecticut to stop.

Upcoming Actions to Fight Killingly Gas Power Plant:

- Aug. 15 at 1:00 p.m., Protest at Connecticut Siting Council energy and telecommunications hearing, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain

Continue to send letters to the editor, call Governor Lamont, and talk to your state legislators.

**We can win on these issues
Donate to the [ClimateRide4CT](#) Today!**

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Organizing Capacity on Climate
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