



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
OFFICE OF CONSUMER COUNSEL  
NEWS RELEASE**

**Acting Consumer Counsel Richard E. Sobolewski**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Press Contact: Richard E. Sobolewski  
Richard.Sobolewski@ct.gov  
860-827-2910  
(c) 860-690-2473

**ACTING CONSUMER COUNSEL RICHARD E. SOBOLEWSKI FILES LETTER IN  
SUPPORT OF EXTENDING EMERGENCY UTILITY SHUT-OFF MORATORIUM**  
*OCC Requested That PURA Reject Plan to Commence Utility Shut-Offs While the Covid-19  
Pandemic Continues to Devastate Public Health and Connecticut's Economy*

**NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (February 24, 2021)** – Acting Consumer Counsel Richard E. Sobolewski filed a letter today with the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) in support of extending the moratorium on utility service shut-offs.

“Despite recent progress with vaccination efforts, the Covid-19 pandemic still continues to adversely impact Connecticut families, workers, and students,” said Acting Consumer Counsel Sobolewski. “Ending the moratorium on utility shut-offs at this time would expose Connecticut ratepayers to needless financial risk, especially at a time when further federal aid is on the horizon. I stand with the Governor, the Attorney General, and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection in opposing this proposal and urge PURA to do the same at this time.”

The Acting Consumer Counsel’s letter may be found [here](#).

Acting Consumer Counsel Sobolewski thanked his staff involved in this matter, including Staff Attorneys Andrew W. Minikowski, Julie Datres, and Thomas Wiehl.

###

*The Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) is the State of Connecticut’s advocate for consumers on issues relating to electricity, natural gas, water, and telecommunications. For more information, visit [www.ct.gov/occ](http://www.ct.gov/occ).*