

## STATE'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY BOARD RELEASES ITS ANNUAL REPORT

The Office of Consumer Counsel ("OCC") is an active member of the state's Energy Efficiency Board ("EEB") and is pleased to be involved in the efforts that have resulted in significant energy, economic and environmental benefits to Connecticut over the past year, as highlighted in the EEB's recently released Annual Legislative Report.

During 2015, more than 987,000 Connecticut residents, businesses and municipalities took advantage of Energize Connecticut's home and business energy efficiency solutions. As a result, these consumers will collectively save nearly \$1 billion in lifetime energy costs.

Some other highlights from 2015 include:

- 980,791 Connecticut households and 6,200 Connecticut businesses and municipalities took advantage of Energize CT solutions
- \$968 million lifetime savings for consumers
- Lifetime energy savings of 4.6 billion kilowatt hours (kWh), 94.2 million ccf (one ccf equals 100 cubic feet), and 38.5 million gallons of fuel oil and propane
- 9,258 jobs generated from 2015 energy efficiency investments
- Avoided greenhouse gas emissions of over 3.3 million tons for the lifetime of the measures (about the same as removing nearly 787,000 cars from the road for a year)
- Energy system benefits of \$2.80 for every \$1 invested in electric, natural gas, propane, and oil heat efficiency measures – a return on investment of 180% across all fuels

OCC continues its focus on Connecticut's ratepayers as it participates in the hard work of the EEB in advising the state's utility companies to best serve Connecticut's consumers by providing programs and services that can assist residents and business owners to reduce consumption by making educated choices like installing high-efficient equipment or making behavioral changes.