



Connecticut General Assembly
SENATE DEMOCRATS

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Senator Gary Winfield
Legislative Office Building, Room 2400
Hartford, CT 06106

Senator Paul Formica
Legislative Office Building, Room 2705
Hartford, CT 06106

Representative Lonnie Reed
Legislative Office Building, Room 3900
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Winfield, Senator Formica, and Representative Reed,

We are writing today to request that you, as the leaders of the General Assembly's Energy and Technology Committee, convene an informational public forum to examine Eversource Energy's seeming lack of proper storm preparedness and lack of a quick, effective storm response in advance of and following the damaging windstorm of October 29-30 which left more than 100,000 Connecticut residents in the dark for multiple days – particularly residents of eastern Connecticut.

Even as of Thursday afternoon on November 2nd, more than 1,600 Eversource customers were still without power, 96 hours after a relatively moderate wind and rain event. We anticipate this informational forum will offer legislators an opportunity to hear directly from Eversource and other officials regarding the specifics of their storm preparation and response as well as help legislators assess laws passed by the General Assembly following major weather incidents in 2011 and 2012.

We believe a review of Eversource's storm response is particularly warranted in light of Eversource's new request of state regulators to approve a three-year, \$336.8 million rate increase for the company, which would raise the average Connecticut consumer's electricity bill by 6.8%.

Thank you for your prompt attention and response to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob". The letters are stylized and cursive.

Bob Duff
Senate Majority Leader

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine A. Osten". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Catherine A. Osten
Senator, 19th District