

Dear Senator or Representative (*name*):

As a resident of (*your address*) and your constituent, I am writing to respectfully ask you to join on as a co-sponsor to Senator Anne M. Gobi's bill, Senate #676. This bill would make it mandatory for insurance companies to provide coverage for residential heating oil spills. This bill would provide important consumer and environmental protection in the unfortunate event of a home heating oil leak or spill.

There are over 100 such incidents in the state annually and cleanup costs can range from \$20,000 to \$50,000 for simple spills, to more than \$300,000 for complex spills that impact both soil and groundwater.

Only about 7% of all homes statewide that use oil heat have the specialized "liquid fuel release" insurance rider that would protect them. And most homeowners don't know that they are not protected under most existing homeowners policies unless they specifically opt in for this coverage by purchasing a rider for a fairly low additional premium.

(If you have first-hand experience assisting with residential spill remediation or know someone who has experienced a spill, it's good to share that).

I urge you to consider co-sponsoring Senate #676.

Thank you, (*your name and address*)