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Operation Fuel Names Gannon Long Chief Program Officer

HARTFORD, Conn. (May 4, 2023) -- Operation Fuel has named Gannon Long as its Chief Program Officer. In this new position, Long will manage Operation Fuel's utility assistance and clean energy programs.

Her responsibilities include working closely with Operation Fuel's management team to drive strategy and innovation for providing year-round energy and utility assistance and promoting energy independence for moderate and low-income Connecticut households. Long also will serve as a senior advisor to Operation Fuel's CEO Brenda Watson.

"Gannon brings a great deal of knowledge and empathy to the CPO position," said Watson. "Her background in advocacy, management, and leadership, as well as familiarity with the state policy landscape and Operation Fuel, will strengthen our ability to serve clients in the near and long-term."

Long, who lives in Hartford, is a graduate of the University of Chicago and holds an MBA from the University of Connecticut. She joined Operation Fuel in May 2020 as the organization's first policy and public affairs director. In the coming weeks, Operation Fuel plans to post a new policy role on the organization's website at <https://operationfuel.org/careers/>.



ABOUT OPERATION FUEL: Operation Fuel is the only year-round emergency energy assistance program in Connecticut, providing help with electricity, water, natural gas, oil, and other energy bills to residents across the state. Thanks to supporters and donors, Operation Fuel is able to flip the switch for families, helping seniors, children, and people with medical conditions stay warm, keep the lights on, power devices for cooking and refrigeration, and have access to running water for drinking, hygiene, and laundry. To help power families, you can visit the website and donate or text OPFUEL to 44321.