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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5718

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY FOR  
CONTAMINATED PROPERTY AND MINOR REVISIONS TO  
ENVIRONMENTAL STATUTES."**

1 After line 167, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,  
3 "environmental justice" means the equal protection of the laws of this  
4 state to ensure that no segment of the population bears a  
5 disproportionate burden of environmental risk by virtue of residence,  
6 place of education, place of employment, place of recreation, protected  
7 class status, including race, sex, age, ethnicity, religion, amount and  
8 source of income, and that no segment of the population has a  
9 disproportionate exposure to emissions into the atmosphere,  
10 watercourses, groundwater or soil of the state.

11 (b) The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority, the Connecticut  
12 Siting Council, the Department of Environmental Protection, the  
13 Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Public Utility  
14 Control, the Department of Public Works and the Department of  
15 Transportation shall each develop an environmental justice action plan  
16 that commits each such authority, council or department to a program  
17 of environmental justice in all aspects of programs and policies.

18 (c) Each authority, council or department that has regulatory or  
19 licensing authority shall ensure that environmental justice criteria shall  
20 be included in its environmental justice action plan and be specifically  
21 addressed, considered and included in any findings of fact issued prior  
22 to granting any such license, permit or authorization.

23 (d) The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities shall  
24 review the plan of each authority, council or department and identify  
25 any barriers to the achievement of environmental justice and make  
26 recommendations no later than January 1, 2003, to the environment  
27 committee on the implementation of such plans."