



**Testimony
Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA)
Before the
Planning & Development Committee
Public Hearing
March 3, 2008**

Re: HB-5633, An Act Concerning the Continuation of Water Liens

The Connecticut Water Works Association, Inc. (CWWA) is an association of public water supply utilities serving more than 500,000 customers, or population of about 2½ million people, located throughout Connecticut. Membership in the Association is open to all Connecticut water utilities: investor-owned, municipal and regional authorities. As purveyors of public water supplies, our members have an obligation to provide sufficient quantities of high-quality water at a reasonable cost to consumers of the communities served.

CWWA supports HB-5633, An Act Concerning the Continuation of Water Liens, which changes the time for continuation of water liens from one to two years, consistent with sewer liens.

This is a common sense change which will help reduce confusion associated with the different time periods governing sewer and water liens. It will also help reduce unnecessary administrative tasks associated with collecting unpaid water charges. Although a relatively minor change, it will be a useful tool in minimizing costs associated with the collection of unpaid water charges.

CWWA therefore urges your support for HB-5633.