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It is imperative that our legislative representatives understand the significance of protecting our drinking water, the land surrounding our water reservoirs and our watersheds. I feel development of/on this land would be not only dangerous to the people of Connecticut but will in fact give away our right for clean drinking water should anything happen.

While we do all we can to protect ourselves and our environment, things happen, droughts happen, the weather patterns are shifting, other areas not as blessed with water resources may need our help. If we lose sight of the importance of keeping our watersheds and reservoir property sacrosanct – we are denying the rights of future generations to the same privilege of accessible, safe water that we enjoy.

Therefore, I **support H.B. 5900**, with the following caveats:

- A) The bill includes an interim standard of 800 gallons of sewage production / 2 acres on average
- B) The reference to water company land be removed.

On **HB 5903**, I **again encourage the support** the bill but again with the following caveat:

- A) The language is challenged to include in the report, recommendations on ways to better protect the integrity of Class I & II lands.

There is a lot of money and moneyed people who want to have their homes on water. There are too few resources for this to happen safely. Our elected representatives are there to oversee for the good of the majority of the people – not pander to the few with money who contribute to their re-election campaigns. I feel VERY strongly that our water reserves must be protected and I encourage our representatives to look to the greater good of all residents of Connecticut.

Sincerely,



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