



CONNECTICUT TANK REMOVAL, INC.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

My name is Joseph Palmieri Jr. I am the president of CT Tank Removal Inc. We are located at 118 Burr Court in Bridgeport, CT. We were established in 1994 and employ nearly 50 people. CT Tank Removal is a full service contractor specializing in site remediation, industrial maintenance and emergency spill response. CT Tank is also the primary spill response contractor for the DEP under the latest D.A.S. contract. Under this contract we regularly respond to spills in less than 90 minutes and have cleanup activities under way immediately.

I am here today to oppose the raised bill #1106. This bill makes drastic changes to the current emergency response section "454" and places an additional layer of financial burden on CT businesses and residents. This bill would remove the ongoing participation of the DEP E.R.U. and give that responsibility to a private L.E.P. Although this would generate additional work and income to our firm we feel it is not only unnecessary it is counterproductive. In summary, this new system will cost the responsible parties more.

The E.R.U. is one of the most responsive units in that division. Connecticut citizens can always get some type of input, guidance, or response within an hour. This new bill would give an L.E.P. up to 20 days to report a release. It gives them 2 years to investigate and an extra 3 years to file a remediation plan and up to 6 years from the report date to remediate the release. How is that protecting the environment? When a release goes unremediated over a period of time, it will cost more to clean up and have a larger negative impact to the environment.

CT Tank has also been participating with the Spill Reporting Release Committee which was dealing with revising the regulations that are in this bill. We cannot help but feel that someone was trying to sneak this bill by everyone. At the end of the bill it states the purpose is to stream line the remediation of spills and cleanups. How is going from a 90 minute response time to 6 years stream lining? If this is how we are going to protect and clean Connecticut's environment, then you can leave our children inside.