

March 16, 2009

Re: SB839, An Act Concerning Mergers and Consolidations of Various State Agencies

I can understand the desire to silence the CEQ. The alarms it sounds compound already troubled times. The warnings it gives paint a pretty bleak picture of our environmental progress over the past decade. The remedies it suggests often have significant associated costs.

But please: DO NOT bury this watch dog! Don't "Homeland Securitize" it! It is an effective processor of complex issues at a low fixed cost. Please keep it an INDEPENDENT, lean, mean reporting machine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Galt", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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