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Date: February 6, 2009  
To: Senator Edward Meyer, Co-Chair  
Representative Richard Roy, Co-Chair  
Environment Committee Members  
From: Eileen M. Daily, State Senator, 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
Re: Proposed Bill No. 6121

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I write in support of Proposed Bill No. 6121 *An Act Authorizing Bonds of The State for Emergency Repairs to the Lyman Viaduct.*

The Lyman Viaduct is located on the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Airline Recreation Trail between the Towns of East Hampton and Colchester. Due to environmental and recreational impact, over time, the culvert which carries the Salmon River through the viaduct has been deteriorating. Erosion and heavy recreational use of the Airline Trail has exposed the 16-inch pipeline that carries wastewater from Hebron through Colchester to a treatment facility in East Hampton.

The potential for a collapse of the viaduct foundation or a rupture of the wastewater pipeline – which uses a former railroad right-of-way – would threaten the Salmon River and eventually the Connecticut River; either failure would close the DEP Airline Trail where it crosses the viaduct.

In 2005 emergency funds were secured for erosion control to shore up both the viaduct and the wastewater pipeline. The time has come to complete the work started in 2005 before there is any more deterioration. As a state, we are obligated to protect the water quality of the Connecticut River and its tributaries and the state has a huge stake in the maintenance of the regional wastewater pipeline.