



**TESTIMONY  
CONNECTICUT WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION  
BEFORE THE  
GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE  
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The Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA) *supports HB-5792, An Act Concerning Efficiency Standards for Automatic Lawn Sprinklers.*

This bill promotes water conservation by requiring automatic lawn sprinklers to be equipped with moisture sensor detectors. Water conservation is a critical tool in improving the efficiency of water use and in responding to droughts and service disruptions. Due to increasing demands on Connecticut's water supplies and costs and difficulties associated with developing new supplies, we must take steps to implement common sense conservation measures.

In Connecticut, seasonal peak demands can more than double mainly as a result of automatic sprinklers, lawn irrigation, and other outdoor water use. A typical lawn sprinkler will use as much water in one hour as any in-home appliance uses in an entire day. Requiring automatic lawn sprinklers to be equipped with rain or moisture sensor detectors will significantly reduce unnecessary and wasteful water usage.

We therefore urge lawmakers to adopt this legislation. Thank you.

*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. CWWA is committed to working with the state to develop policies that will ensure that Connecticut has a safe, ample supply of water to meet present and future needs.*