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OPPOSE – HB-6505, An Act Concerning Stream Flow Regulations

The Connecticut Heating & Cooling Contractors Association (CHCC) **opposes HB-6505** which greatly expands already overreaching stream flow regulations that threaten to hamper construction in this state.

Numerous concerns have been raised by the construction community relative to how DEP's proposed stream flow regulations will impact certain communities in terms of opportunities to sustain construction and expansion. Although we support efforts to protect the environment and have embraced green technologies, such as solar thermal, the regulations impose a massive set of regulations governing water resources that will thwart efforts to rebuild Connecticut's economy.

We believe lawmakers should reject HB-6505 and look to rein in the regulations to provide more balance. This will help address concerns that certain communities will face moratoriums on new construction because they will not have adequate water supplies to meet the needs of new customers.

Given the scope of the regulations and the impact on the economy and construction, we believe the regulations should be developed and reviewed by other agencies that will consider the impact on the state's overall competitiveness.

We therefore urge you to oppose HB-6505.

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The Connecticut Heating & Cooling Contractors Association (CHCC) is a trade association whose objectives are to strengthen and further trade relations, attract, educate and train necessary manpower, represent members at all levels of government and review and establish quality standards and procedures. The association represents over 125 Heating & Cooling Companies in Connecticut.