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Apex Companies, LLC

Memo

To: Legislative Office Building

From: David B. Sherman, LEP

Date: March 7, 2011

Re: S.B. No. 1113

Good Afternoon, my name is David Sherman and I have been an environmental consultant in the State of Connecticut for more than 20 years. I am also a Licensed Environmental Professional. I have come here today to offer my support for this important Tank Program Bill that is currently being considered. Over the past 20 years I have assessed and remediated hundreds of gasoline service stations site located throughout the State of Connecticut.

Environmental impact from leaking underground storage tanks is an unfortunate reality. However, the technology and expertise to successfully mitigate these environmental problems does exist and is performed by the many environmental consulting firms here in the State. What is critical to the success of an environmental cleanup is a thoughtful and timely response, one that can only benefit from the passing of this legislation. By establishing the Connecticut Commercial Tank Insurance Account useful dollars can be directed toward the protection and preservation of the States vital natural resource that is groundwater.

Thank you