



**TESTIMONY  
ELIZABETH GARA  
CONNECTICUT WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION  
BEFORE THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MARCH 7, 2011**

**RE: SB-1006, AN ACT INCREASING CERTAIN BOND AUTHORIZATIONS  
FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

***CWWA supports Sections 9 and 10 of SB-1006 which increases funding for the state's Clean Water Fund.***

Recognizing the importance of protecting the state's water quality through sound environmental policies, CWWA supports efforts to increase funding for the state's Clean Water Fund, which provides assistance to communities in complying with state and federal requirements regarding water quality, treatment plants, nitrogen removal and the elimination of combined sewer overflows.

As stewards of our water resources, CWWA members are committed to supporting efforts to protect the state's water supplies. Many of our municipal water departments rely on funding from the Clean Water Fund to meet their obligations to protect the public health and safety as well as our environment. The Clean Water Fund has been successful program in assisting towns through grants and low interest loans. We therefore urge lawmakers to support the provisions in SB-1006 which would authorize adequate funding for this critical program.

*CWWA is an association of water supply utilities and related industries. Membership in the Association is open to all Connecticut water utilities: investor-owned, municipal and regional utilities. The mission of CWWA is to promote and achieve effective state policies that assure reliable high-quality public water supplies to protect public health. We are recognized experts in the field of public water supply who work together to develop meaningful policies that ensure a safe, high quality supply of water for our customers and a regulatory environment in which we can operate effectively.*