



CGA Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee

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**Support for Clean Water Fund Authorizations Sections 9&10 of
SB 1006 An Act Increasing Certain Bond Authorizations For
Capital Improvements**

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The League of Women Voters of Connecticut, a statewide organization with nearly 2000 members, urges your support for sections 9 and 10 of SB 1006 that authorize general obligation and revenue bonds over two years to fund the Clean Water Fund.

The League has long supported programs and policies to improve Connecticut's waterways and Long Island Sound. Through a combination of grants and low interest loans, the Clean Water Fund has enabled the state and municipalities to work in partnership to correct problems caused by inadequate sewage treatment, combined sanitary and storm sewer overflows, and contaminated runoff.

As a result of approximately 20 years of well-planned Clean Water Fund investments, Connecticut has vastly improved the quality of our water resources and Long Island Sound. This capital investment will continue to improve Connecticut's environment and maintain its attractiveness as a place to live and work. It will also boost our struggling economy – it will create jobs throughout the state and bolster our water-based recreational and commercial uses, e.g., boating, sport fishing, swimming, and tourism.

We urge you to vote in support of bond funding for the Clean Water Fund, an investment that reaps positive returns for Connecticut's citizens, communities, and economy.