

Legislative Office Building  
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Hartford, Ct. 06106

RE: Bill 349

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Alternate Member Salem IWCC

I am not in favor of this bill.  
I welcome the opportunity to attend the training classes offered by DEEP. The majority of our commission members attend at least one training per year. Several of us go to more than one. We are volunteers and are serving on IWCC because we have an interest in the environment and stay informed on issues related to wetlands. *Individual*  
I feel that posting ~~individual~~ members training credentials is intimidating to some and might discourage new members. Commissions would only be given vouchers for new members therefore towns would incur more expense.  
I understand the concept of trying to encourage more training. Perhaps there could be some kind of incentive program.

Thank-you for your attention .  
Sincerely,

*Gale J. Balavender*  
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