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*Testimony of Representative Gerald Fox, III of Stamford
Before the Environment Committee on House Bill 88,
An Act Concerning the Public's Right to Know of a Sewage Spill.*

Senator Meyer, Representative Roy and members of the Environment Committee. I would like to thank you for raising S.B. 88, AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW OF A SEWAGE SPILL.

Sewage pollution threatens public health, damages wildlife and lowers economic values. To minimize public health consequences, the first line of defense is awareness and knowledge of the sewage pollution. However, there is currently no law requiring that members of the public be notified when a sewage overflow occurs in their community. S.B. 88 would change that by establishing a process by which the public can be properly informed about sewage spills.

It only makes sense that our residents are informed when areas in their communities are affected by sewage pollution, so that they can make appropriate decisions for their families. SB 88 is a simple bill, but it is an important step toward protection of our families and children. I thank the committee for their efforts and urge your favorable report.