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Senator Steve Cassano
Representative Linda M. Gentile
Co-Chairs, Planning and Development Committee
Connecticut State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

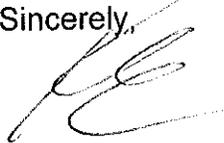
**RE: S. B. No. 343: AN ACT CONCERNING INTERVENTION IN PERMIT PROCEEDINGS
PURSUANT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 1971**

Dear Mr. Cassano and Ms. Gentile:

As attorneys who practice in the area of environmental law, we write to support the position taken by the Connecticut Fund for the Environment ("CFE") in opposing Senate Bill 343. Encouraging public participation in administrative proceedings that could unreasonably pollute, impair or destroy Connecticut's land, air or water is essential if the legislative intent of the Environmental Protection Act of 1971 is to be fulfilled.

We have reviewed the letter submitted by Roger Reynolds, CFE Senior Attorney and others dated March 9, 2012. For all the reasons stated in that submission, we urge you to vote against the passage of Senate Bill 343.

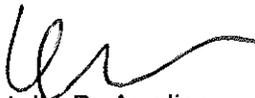
Sincerely,



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