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**Senate Bill 440, An Act Authorizing Amounts in the Clean Water Fund  
to be Used For Phosphorous Removal  
Planning and Development Committee  
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**CEUCA Position: Support**

CCIA represents various sectors of the commercial construction industry in Connecticut and is comprised of members who have a long history of providing quality work for the public benefit. Connecticut Environmental and Utilities Contractors Association, a division of CCIA, is comprised of contractors that engage in environmental or utility contracting and construction, including Clean Water Fund projects. Several CEUCA members are substantial contractors who have a great deal of experience in performing construction on water treatment systems and sewage treatment plants.

CCIA and CEUCA are members of the Clean Water Investment Coalition, an organization of business, labor, construction and environmental associations in Connecticut that support the Clean Water Fund in order to assist municipalities, create jobs and protect Long Island Sound.

CEUCA supports Senate Bill 440, An Act Authorizing Amounts in the Clean Water Fund to be Used For Phosphorous Removal, and respectfully requests that the committee approve the bill.

The bill would expand municipal water pollution control projects that are eligible for Clean Water Fund moneys to include those undertaken for phosphorous removal, in addition to the present nitrogen removal. Additionally, Senate Bill 440 would ensure that such projects are funded with a grant of at least 30% of the cost of the project associated with phosphorous removal.

Accumulation of phosphorous in water bodies impairs water quality and can lead to excessive algae blooms. Not only is algae unpleasant, but, according to Connecticut Fund for the Environment and Save the Sound, it robs oxygen from a river, reducing its ability to support fish and other marine life. By allowing Clean Water Funds to be used for the removal of phosphorous, Senate Bill 440 will help lead to cleaner rivers and streams in the state.

A number of minor and major municipal water pollution control projects in municipalities across the state require phosphorous upgrades, which are needed to ensure healthy water quality statewide. They are not optional: U.S. EPA and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection are requiring upgrades to ensure impaired waterbodies can be removed ("delisted") from Connecticut's Impaired Waters



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List (waterbodies not meeting water quality standards), and other impacted waterbodies are protected. Senate Bill 440 will provide much needed support to municipalities under this mandate.

In addition to the substantial environmental benefits, removal of phosphorous requires a different design and engineering process from that of nitrogen removal. The bill would complement the existing program by helping foster another sector of Clean Water Fund projects that support economic growth while protecting the environment.

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