



**Testimony of Connecticut Fund for the Environment
Before the Committee on Energy and Technology**

In support of SB 807, AN ACT CONCERNING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONSERVATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, MUNICIPAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND UNPAID UTILITY ACCOUNTS AT MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS.

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Connecticut Fund for the Environment works to protect and improve the land, air and water of Connecticut. We use legal and scientific expertise and bring people together to achieve results that benefit our environment for current and future generations.

Dear Senator Duff, Representative Reed, and members of the Committee on Energy and Technology,

Connecticut Fund for the Environment submits this testimony in support of Sections 1-4 of Proposed SB 807, An Act Concerning Water Infrastructure and Conservation, The Department of Public Health, Municipal Reporting Requirements and Unpaid Utility Accounts at Multi-Family Dwellings. If passed, these sections of this legislation would promote water conservation by disassociating water use from water company profits in setting rates.

While Connecticut is fortunate to have a sufficient water supply to meet its current needs, it is important to ensure this valuable and necessary resource is protected and conserved for future use. Our state water supply source is finite. We need to ensure that our state has clean, reliable, and sufficient drinking water to meet current and future human needs and to keep our inland waterways healthy.

Water conservation is one way to effectively safeguard our state water supply for future use and avoid the need for costly infrastructure for a new water supply source. Through this legislation, water companies would no longer be incentivized to increase water sales to maximize profits because the rate of return would be based on demand projections that consider the effects of conservation and not just the sale of water.

While we support the proposed legislation, we request that the information used in initiating the dockets and ultimately setting the rates be available to the public to improve water-supply education and the policy development process.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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