



**Testimony
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The Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA), which represents municipal, private and regional water companies, respectfully submits the following comments relative to **SB-1035, AN ACT CONCERNING REGULATION OF WATER COMPANIES.**

It is unclear what issues the bill is attempting to address by directing the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to study issues relative to water regulation. However, we understand that there have been longstanding issues relative to small community water systems, such as homeowners and condo associations, many of which lack the capacity or expertise to operate efficiently to provide customers with safe, adequate public water supplies.

Although many of these systems contract with water systems or operators that do manage the system well, other systems have not and have experienced difficulties.

CWVA members would be interested in assisting lawmakers in crafting legislation to address these issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

The Connecticut Water Works Association, Inc. (CWVA) is an association of private, municipal and regional public water supply utilities serving more than 500,000 customers, or population of about 2½ million people, located throughout Connecticut.