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Chairman Fonfara ,Chairman Widlitz,Sen Frantz ,Rep Williams and members of the Finance ,Revenue and Bonding Comm.

My name is Sidney J Holbrook, I am the Executive Director of The Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority(GNHWPCA), which provides waste water services to the towns of East Haven, Hamden,New Haven and Woodbridge. I am submitting this testimony in support of Senate Bill 842 which provides \$447million dollars in G.O. and Revenue Bonds for FY 2014 and \$550 million dollars in G.O. and Revenue Bonds for FY 2015 for Connecticut's Clean Water Fund.The GNHWPCA is in the midst of several CSO sewer separation projects-upgrading our plant to handle up to a 187 million gallons per day-reducing Nitrogen flow into Long Island Sound thus helping Connecticut to meet its 2014 commitment to the EPA-installing generators to insure energy in the event of power outages-.constructing state of the art odor control-lining older sewerpipes to prevent ground water infiltration and several electrical upgrades. All of this work not only benefits our rivers , streams, Long Island Sound and the environment in general –it has a direct impact on promoting a stronger economy in Connecticut.Long Island Sound contributes \$9.5 billion a year to our regions economy through its boating ,commercial/recreational fishing and tourism industry .It is estimated that the number of jobs created ,directly, by this funding level will exceed 57,000- with thousands more being created by related industries.If funding was not made available to the Municipalities through this fund much of this work could not be done without a tremendous burden on our local taxpayers and ratepayers.In conclusion I ask that you support and maintain the level of funding the Governor has proposed –to provide cleaner water,more opened beaches,increased property values along the coast,and the general protection of our natural resources which will improve our quality of life and for generations to come.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Sidney Holbrook