



**Testimony  
Connecticut Water Works Association  
Before the Finance Committee  
March 18, 2013**

**RE: SB-1115, AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL OPTION OF A PROPERTY TAX FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES BASED ON BUSINESS PROFITS**

The Connecticut Water Works Association (CWVA) raises the following concerns regarding SB-1115, which would allow towns to assess commercial properties based on the profits of a business.

This bill may result in changes in the way businesses are taxed at the local level that could undermine economic development because it opens the door for profits to be considered in property tax assessments. Although the bill is intended to give companies a break if they are struggling financially, it may move property taxation in a direction that is ultimately unfavorable to the state's business climate and expose private companies to an additional layer of taxation.

Accordingly, we respectfully request lawmakers to reject this proposal until a complete analysis of the impact on private companies is conducted.

*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.*