Testimony on Senate Bill No. 705
An Act Expanding The Powers Of Municipal Stormwater Authorities

Good Morning. My name is Tim Hanser and I am the Director of Public Works for the City of New London. The City is in support of the changes to the Municipal Stormwater Authorities' legislation, which provides for effective collection of the fees established. This bill is an amendment to Act 07-154, "An Act Concerning A Municipal Stormwater Authority Pilot Program, Special Services Districts, Clean Water Fund Disbursements and the Definition of Unimproved Land for Tax Purposes."

In an effort to better understand the City of New London's needs with regards to stormwater management, the City of New London commissioned a stormwater management study, retaining the services of Black & Veatch to research the cities needs and develop recommendations. As a part of this study, Black & Veatch evaluated the current conditions of the City of New London's stormwater infrastructure. With input from City employees and the City's Engineering Consultant Milone & MacBroom, Black & Veatch identified 25 Stormwater Infrastructure Problem Areas. These 25 areas require at least $7 million in improvements. Based on these and other findings, Black & Veatch determined that the City of New London needs to increase its annual expenditures on stormwater management from the $500,000 that is currently spent to over $900,000 to address these problem areas and to meet EPA MS4 requirements for stormwater management and stormwater quality.

The passage of Senate Bill 705 will give the City of New London the authority to pursue other revenue streams to fund the maintenance of its stormwater, as well as to meet EPA MS4 requirements

Additionally, the City of New London thinks that the bill should be further amended to address the other changes recommended in Exhibit B of the *Interim Stormwater Pilot Program Report* from 2009.

I thank you for your time and urge you to support Senate Bill 705.

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