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*Testimony of Representative Gerald Fox, III of Stamford  
Before the Environment Committee on House Bill 6439, An Act Concerning The Disposal  
And Collection Of Unused Medication*

Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile and members of the Environment Committee. For the record, my name is State Representative Gerald Fox, III. I would like to thank the committee for raising H.B. 6439, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION OF UNUSED MEDICATION.

It has become common to dispose unused medications by flushing them down the drain, despite the fact that sewage treatment plants, septic systems, and drinking water infrastructure are not designed to remove these chemicals. HB 6439, if passed, would require the Department of Consumer Protection, in consultation with the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Management and Public Protection, the Connecticut Pharmacists Association and the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, to develop and implement a program for the collection of unwanted pharmaceuticals.

Coming up with a safe method of disposal of unused medications has been difficult, but I commend the committee for aiming to address this issue. We must do what we can to keep pharmaceuticals out of our waste water systems and HB 6439 is one approach towards that goal.

I thank the committee for raising this legislation and look forward to working with you on this important issue.