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Connecticut General Assembly
Environment Committee
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Attention: Committee Chairs Senator Meyer and Representative Gentile
Ranking Members Senator Chapin and Representative Shaban
Members of the Environment Committee

**Subject: TESTIMONY OPPOSITION OF RAISED BILL 6653, An Act Concerning the
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Regulatory Streamlining to Assist
Municipalities**

The Connecticut Association of Water Pollution Control Authorities (CAWPCA) is a statewide association open to WPCAs and public entities authorized to own or operate wastewater systems. With over 40 active members providing wastewater services to nearly 1,000,000 citizens in the state and we are pleased to submit comments on HB-6653.

CAWPCA opposes **Section 1 of HB-6653** which requires municipal Water Pollution Control Authorities (WPCAs) to submit water pollution control plans developed for a municipality to the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) for review and approval. This requirement is redundant as plans that are developed regarding the design and construction of municipal sewerage facilities to assist the municipality are presently required as part of "Facilities Plan" (Section 22a-430 Chapter 446k) for wastewater infrastructure which is administered by DEEP. The Facilities Plan requires a Sewer Service Area Map that is required to be consistent with the state Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) which is administered by the Office of Policy and Management. This provision would impose an unnecessary layer of review on such plans and inevitably lead to delays and additional costs on the water pollution control authorities.

CAWPCA respectfully requests that Section 1 of HB-6653 be deleted. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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