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Testimony
Honorable Mark D. Boughton
Mayor
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Before Public Health Committee

RE: HB-230

Dear Senator Gerratana and Representative Ritter:

This is important legislation for maintaining adequate municipal water system safe yield at reasonable costs for the City of Danbury while continuing historically permitted limited swimming use of Lake Kenosia.

HB-230 permits the existing practice in effect since the 1980's of permitting seasonal flood skimming from the permanent Lake Kenosia Flood Skimming Station and appurtenances installed at a capital cost of approximately one million (\$1,000,000.00) dollars while maintaining limited swimming in the Lake during non-flood skimming periods. The seasonal flood skimming at Lake Kenosia accounts for up to 1.6 million gallons a day to our Danbury Municipal Water System's safe yield during the flood skimming periods.

Swimming in the Lake, while less today than in 1985 when the Lake Kenosia Flood Skimming Station was put in operation, is still important because of the location of the City of Danbury Lake Kenosia Municipal Park which has always permitted swimming in a limited designated location and also because of the pre-existing non-municipal abutting property owners rights which surround a portion of Lake Kenosia.

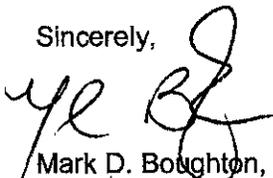
The use of Lake Kenosia for flood skimming during non-swimming periods was carefully and appropriately engineered, supported and permitted by local and state agencies in the early 1980's and has been technically proven over the past twenty-five (25) years to still serve its original intended purpose as a safe yield water supply source. The City, under the auspices of this proposed legislation, continues to desire to work collaboratively with the Connecticut State Department of Health as it has in the past with respect to Lake Kenosia to institute a specific plan for swimming controls and enforcement while continuing the flood skimming during non-swimming periods.



Additionally, and equally important, the continued use of Lake Kenosia for flood skimming when necessary (which is not every year but related to drought periods) is significant because finding new sources of potable water supply which provide the same safe yield is exceptionally difficult, extremely expensive and would take years to develop.

Therefore, in conclusion, I support HB-230.

Sincerely,

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Mark D. Boughton, Mayor
City of Danbury