



February 27, 2014

The Honorable Senator Edward Meyer
Connecticut State Capitol
Legislative Office Building
Room 3200
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

The Honorable Representative Linda Gentile
Connecticut State Capitol
Legislative Office Building
Room 2100
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

State Environment Committee
Connecticut State Capitol
Legislative Office Building, Room 3200
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Proposed House Bill #5307

Dear Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile, and Committee Members:

I am opposed to House Bill #5307, Section #1. This bill eliminates the encirclement of ships and barges transferring gasoline cargoes with protective spill containment boom.

My corporation built and operates the Long Wharf Maritime Center located on the waterfront of New Haven Harbor on Long Wharf Drive. My concerns are for the general public that transit and reside around the Maritime Center. Additionally, I am concerned with any damage that could occur to the environment.

The sudden and uncontrolled release of gasoline, without protective spill boom containing it, could produce catastrophic and irreversible results. Our Maritime Center, as well as *Lenny & Joe's Restaurant*, often have people on our patios and walkways. In the event gasoline spread to our area, people smoking or other ignition sources could ignite the gasoline. This could cause injury and death to innocent people. Additionally, if the latter did not occur, innocent people could be asphyxiated by the toxic fumes.

As we are trying to develop the Long Wharf waterfront, rescinding any current statute that protects it from gasoline spills would be a step backwards.

I urge you not to adopt House Bill #5307 in its present form.

Very truly yours,

Lynn R. Fusco

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Senator Andrew Maynard