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Connecticut Water Planning Council
Testimony of Commissioner John W. Betkoski, III
On Raised Bill 5424 - An Act Concerning the Responsibilities of the Water Planning Council
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Good afternoon Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile, Senator Chapin, Representative Shaban and members of the committee. My name is John W. Betkoski, III and I am Vice-chairman of the Public Utility Regulatory Authority and Chairman of the Water Planning Council, which is made up of representatives of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Department of Public Health, the Public Utility Regulatory Authority and the Office of Policy and Management.

I appear before you today to present testimony on behalf of the Water Planning Council on Raised Bill 5424, An Act Concerning the Responsibilities of the Water Planning Council. First, I would like to thank this committee and the efforts of Representative Hampton and other legislators in supporting the Water Planning Council and advocating for the creation of a state-wide Water Resource Plan.

We are generally encouraged by and supportive of Raised Bill 5424. While the Water Planning Council has some concerns and questions about particular aspects of the bill and we are concerned about the fiscal impacts of several provisions, we believe that this bill provides a useful starting point for further discussion and we look forward to working with the committee and Representative Hampton as we move forward during the legislative session.

Thank-you for the opportunity to appear before the committee and the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.

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