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Testifying on HB 5424 An Act the Responsibilities of the Water Planning Council

Good Afternoon. My name is Faith Gavin Kuhn and I am Communication Lobbyist for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA represents more than 10,000 employers throughout Connecticut ranging from one-person businesses to large corporations. However, the majority of our members have fewer than fifty employees.

CBIA supports HB 5424, as it would authorize the Connecticut Water policy Council to establish a statewide Water Resources Plan by January 1, 2017.

While CT is fortunate to have ample water supply currently for residents and businesses, it is vital that as a state we plan for future needs.

In response to Rep. John Hampton's Water Summit this past October, CBIA has actively participated on the Supply and Distribution Subcommittee. We know that creating a water plan encompasses many factors, data collection and analysis, sharing water resources within the state, maintaining high quality drinking water, drought preparation, water conservation plans, and assuring that the Connecticut's water supply will meet the necessities of economic development.

HB 5424 offers an approach to develop a statewide Water Resources Plan that will keep Connecticut moving forward for all our citizens and our business community.

