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### Testimony in Support of SB 306

Distinguished members of the environment committee, I would like to thank you for raising SB 306.

Connecticut was forward thinking years ago when it created the first of its kind by establishing a fund to be used for properties that have been contaminated by non-natural events and the responsible party of the contamination is unknown. As of February 28, 2014 the State Superfund Program account had a balance of \$16,718,000.00.

In the city of Torrington, there are two residential streets that are surrounded by streets that are served by the Torrington Water Company. Lyman Dr and Scott Rd have well systems at their respective homes. For the past several years the DEEP had been providing at no cost to the homeowner potable water for consumption due to a contamination in the ground water system. Last year, this funding was cut from the state budget forcing homeowners to pay for this water.

Homeowners have had their water tested and the tests results are showing a concern or rise in the level of contaminates found in the water. Obviously, contaminated water could affect one's health but if one were going to sell their home to relocate to an area where the water was safe to drink, home prices and values are additionally affected. A permanent fix to this problem would be to extend water mains to the two streets in the area served by the Torrington Water company.

I asked the Torrington Water company to provide me with an estimate to bring water to this community and believe that the committee should direct an amount not to exceed \$600,000.00 be used from the State Superfund Program to address the health concerns of the residents in Torrington and permanently fix the problem for these residents.