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**Environment Committee
Public Hearing
Friday, March 7, 201
Testimony In Support of,**

House Bill 5420, An Act Concerning Funds for Water Supplies in Contaminated Areas

Good Morning Co-Chairs Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile and Ranking Members Senator Chapin and Representative Shaban and members of the Environment Committee.

I appreciate the committee raising this bill in an attempt to deal with the important issue of water safety.

In the last budget cycle, Connecticut eliminated the potable water program in order to balance the budget. This cut came with little warning and left many Connecticut families scrambling to find an alternative potable source of water. I strongly support HB 5420, which will provide an avenue for homes to obtain potable water. In Durham, residents have had their wells contaminated through no fault of their own. The State was in the process of installing filtration systems when the cuts were made. One of our fundamental obligations as a state is to protect the public health of its citizenry and I strongly support the intent of HB 5420

Thank you again for your time and your consideration of this bill.

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