

CONNECTICUT MARITIME COALITION



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Members of the State of Connecticut Environmental Committee
Room 3200
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile, and members of the Environmental Committee,

This testimony is submitted by the Connecticut Maritime Coalition, Inc. in opposition of **Raised Bill No 5307, LCO No. 1406, AN CONCERNING THE USE OF BOOMS FOR THE RETENTION OF CERTAIN OILS OR PETROLEUM AND REVISING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS.**

The Connecticut Maritime Coalition, Inc (CMC) is a 501-c-6 non-profit trade organization representing Connecticut's deep-water port industry since 1999.

Preemptive booming during petroleum products transfers in Connecticut's ports provides containment of any release of the product into the environment, and provides a controlled setting for spill mitigation, including foam suppression and subsequent clean up. Sites in the port that conduct transfers of petroleum products are specially configured to immediately mitigate any incident of spill. Removal of preemptive booming will render the purpose of these special configurations useless.

Passage of this bill would allow petroleum products with a flash point of less than 100 degrees to release uncontrollably into a densely configured port if a spill occurred. Currents and wind would then drive the product unhampered into sensitive port areas, resulting in danger to human life, questionable effects on aquatic life, and damage to private property.

The Connecticut Maritime Coalition, Inc. is opposed to RB No. 5307, LCO No. 1406


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