

Testimony on rSB 306 AA Allocating Funding for the Provision of Potable Water.

Dear Chairmen Meyer and Gentile, Ranking Members Clapin and Shaban, and distinguished members of the Environment Committee.

My name is Jack Quintiliani and I currently reside at 139 Lyman Drive in Torrington Ct. with my wife, daughter and 2 1/2 year old grandson.

When we purchased this home in 2006 there was no indication of a water problem and a potable test taken at that time came back okay.

Approx 2 yrs later we received a call for the DEP representative asking for permission to test the water and the results showed the presents of certain toxic chemicals but that the levels were within safe guidelines and monitoring periodically would continue.

The following year we received notice from the DEP that tests showed an increase to a level that was now considered unsafe and actionable and a system was installed by DEP to remove harmful toxins. I provide bottled water for consumption and use existing well water for bathing and laundry because we have no other reasonable choice. It would be impossible to overstate our concern for the possible negative health effects especially for my grandson and other children living in the neighborhood. The problem is worsening and our individual and collective ability to adequately deal with it are non-existent. Only at the state level could we hope for the funding and expertize to resume monitoring of existing wells and provide funding for installation of municipal water supply to eliminate current hazard and restore home values to this neighborhood. I respectfully thank the committee for the opportunity to have these concerns aired and considered.

Jack Quintiliani