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

Dear Chairmen Meyer and Gentile, Ranking Members Chapin and Shaban, and distinguished members of the Environment Committee:

We are a small group (Lyman Drive Action Group) of concerned community citizens that have banded together in hope of getting results regarding this most dangerous situation. We write in support of SB 306. About 12 homes in our Torrington neighborhood have **contaminated** wells. Our situation started about 9 years ago after BJ's store, located at 1288 E Main St, Torrington, did their environmental testing and found that their ground water was **contaminated**. **The DEP after numerous attempts succeeded at getting us to have our water tested.** They found that our well (the Osterhout's), along with the Eschenbrenner's and the Wilsons, all have **contaminated wells**. The DEP provided us with bottled water for an entire year and put in a filtration system so we could consume it. Little by little they went down the road to test the wells. They didn't go up the street or across because they said that the water didn't go up hill. Since the initial testing of the 1st three homes, eight other homes were discovered to have **contaminated wells** and just recently four other homes across the street have been discovered to have **contaminated wells**. There are still homes on our street that have not had their water tested and don't know if they have **contamination** or not but the likelihood is that these are **contaminated** as well. What happens to the poor people that just recently found out that their water is not safe to drink? What we are seeing with raw water test results is that the contamination levels have been climbing higher and higher and now appear to have been going across the street. This is an outrage. How many people need to get sick and possibly have life threatening illness before anything is done? We want to know why the funding has stopped and why weren't notified earlier it was going to stop? We didn't ask for the contamination. We want to know what you; the people we have elected into office will be doing to fix our situation. We pay our taxes and want our health and safety protected. It should not be up to us to have to take care of it on our own.

Many people that have been living here for years have been drinking the **CONTAMINATED** water. When you read up on the chemical Tetrachloroethylene and you should read this, you find that the substance when consumed may cause liver and kidney damage, cancer, leukemia. Exposure to it also increases the risk

of developing Parkinson's disease. Two of our **contaminated** residents have contracted MS since living in their homes. My youngest daughter ever since she started talking has complained about headaches. We are living in fear each and every day wondering if we have contracted any of these horrible diseases that is associated with this **contaminated** water. Who is going to pay for all of the associated medical bills if we contract one of the horrible diseases that are associated with this chemical?

Cordially,

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