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Environment Committee
Capitol Office
Legislative Office Building
Room 3200
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

RE: Letter of Support - House Bill 5544

Dear Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to register my support of House Bill 5544. This bill will aid in the clean-up and redevelopment of contaminated properties.

A small percentage of the thousands of contaminated sites in the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) remediation program universe have achieved DEEP approval or licensed environmental professional (LEP) verification of final site clean-up. At many of these sites, significant clean-up has been conducted by responsible parties; however, groundwater clean-up often takes many years to complete. At such sites, an "interim verification" can be rendered that remediation has been completed in accordance with the Remediation Standard Regulations (RSRs), Section 22a-133k-1 through 3 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, with the exception that a selected remedy for groundwater pollution is in operation but has not achieved the remediation standards for groundwater. An interim verification is an important milestone that can provide owners, financial institutions, investors and buyers with a level of comfort that site risks are known.

House Bill 5544 clarifies existing wording to allow "interim verifications" on remediated portions of sites rather than waiting for remediation of an entire site. The recognition of remediation progress is critical on large brownfield sites that undergo phased remediation and redevelopment over many years.

Based on my personal experience, this bill will aid in the clean-up and redevelopment of Brownfields properties. Please support House Bill 5544.

Sincerely,

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