

CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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TESTIMONY OF Kim K. V. McClain
TO THE GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE
ON PROPOSED HOUSE BILL 267, "AN ACT CONCERNING SWIMMING POOL
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORK."

I currently serve as the Executive Director of the Connecticut Chapter of the Community Associations Institute (CAI-CT). The Community Associations Institute (CAI), is a national member supported, not-for-profit educational and resource organization dedicated to fostering vibrant, competent, harmonious community associations for the 1 in 6 Americans who live in common interest communities.

I am submitting testimony to present my insights about how the proposed bill will affect the more than 5,000 common interest communities in Connecticut, and the hundreds of thousands of people who live in them.

We respectfully request that additional clarifying language be added to Raised Bill 267 to ensure that the term "water treatment" in Section 1 Subsection a.) does NOT include activities such as: ph testing, use of pool chemicals, vacuuming and other basic maintenance tasks. These responsibilities are typically required of community association property management staff and lifeguards.

CAI-CT supports the overall intent of the bill which is to further clarify issue regarding trade area licensure requirements and provisions for continuing education. It is our belief that such requirements lead to advancing best practices in all industries.

We would be happy to further discuss with you this issue, or any other issues affecting common interest communities in Connecticut. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 860-633-5692 or email: caictkmcclain@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim McClain