



March 17, 2014

Honorable Paul Doyle  
Chairman  
General Law Committee  
Legislative Office Building  
Room 3500  
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Senator Doyle:

RE: Senate Raised Bill 267

I am writing today to express our interest in Connecticut Senate Bill 267 which will be discussed in the Committee of General Law on Tuesday, March 18, 2014. We commend your efforts to increase the safety of the citizens in Connecticut who use public aquatic facilities. We believe training for those maintaining public pools is necessary to ensure patron safety. Currently, 24 states require operators of aquatic facilities to have verifiable training.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has engaged hundreds of industry and government leaders to produce a Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC). The MAHC includes scientific justification to require that public pool operators receive basic training and earn a certification. The CDC link shown below provides the detailed scientific rationale for the Operator Training requirement.

<http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/pools/mahc/structure-content/>

NSPF applauds your efforts to adopt a minimum standard of care and training for service companies and operators who maintain public aquatic facilities. Wouldn't we want the pools our families visit operated and serviced by a professional with at least minimal training? Based on the information outlined above, the National Swimming Pool Foundation strongly encourages the General Law Committee to pass Senate Bill 267 and to require minimum training for those who care for pools.

NSPF believes everything we do helps people live healthier lives. We believe we can make a difference by encouraging more aquatic activity, making pools safer and keeping them open. We do this by offering products and programs that are technically sound, convenient, and beautifully designed. We just happen to sell books, training programs, online courses, and organize

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conferences. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, proceeds go to supporting education, funding research and helping people live healthier lives through aquatic activity.

Thank you for your leadership. Please feel free to contact me at 719-540-9119 if you have any questions or if I may be of assistance.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. M. Lachocki". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Thomas M. Lachocki, Ph.D.  
Chief Executive Officer  
National Swimming Pool Foundation