

TO: The Public Health Chairmen: Sen. Terry Gerratana and Rep. Susan Johnson  
and Honorable Members of the Public Health Committee

FROM: Margaret Miner and Maureen Westbrook, Co-chairs,  
Water Planning Council Advisory Group (WPCAG)

FOR: Public Hearing, Friday, March 14, 2014

**RE: Testimony for HB 5537, AAC the Department of Public Health's Recommendations  
Regarding Various Revisions to the Public Health Statutes, Section 13**

Dear Chairs Gerratana and Johnson, and Hon. Members of the Committee:

We write to express support for **HB 5537, Section 13**. The Water Planning Council Advisory Group (WPCAG) established pursuant to Section 25-33o of the CGS, in conjunction with the Department of Public Health, researched the language in this section, and determined that the proposed change was needed. Section 13 eliminates the requirement that a water company must include some Class III land in a sale of Class II land to a municipality, the state, or a water company. The Water Planning Council also has recommended this change in its legislative recommendations for 2014.

The requirement evidently was originally crafted to suit a unique situation. But the unintended consequence is to prohibit arrangements that would otherwise be legal and desirable.

Thank you for your consideration.

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