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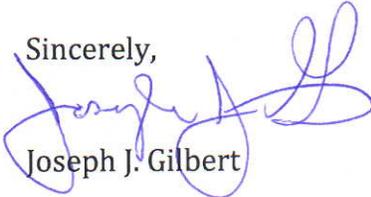
March 19, 2015

Honorable Co-Chair Senator Kennedy and Representative Albis and all
Distinguished Environmental Committee members,

My name is Joseph Gilbert and I am **in favor of Proposed Bill 357 – An act concerning the promotion of the shellfish industry in Connecticut.**

This bill will help ensure the proper growth and development of the shellfish industry in Connecticut. This Council creation will allow all parties including industry to have influence in policy and management that will ensure the protection of public health while allowing industry the flexibilities necessary to employ good farming practices and run businesses.

Sincerely,



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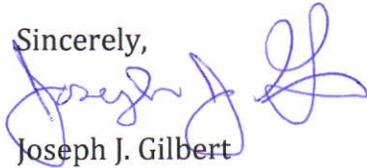
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Honorable Co-Chair Senator Kennedy and Representative Albis and all
Distinguished Environmental Committee members,

My name is Joseph Gilbert and I am **in favor of Proposed H.B. 5720 – An act requiring the Department of Agriculture to double the capacity for shellfish sample testing and to establish a site for shellfish sample testing east of the Connecticut River.**

The increase of capacity should be appropriate to address the needs of the underserved municipalities and shellfish farmers in Connecticut.

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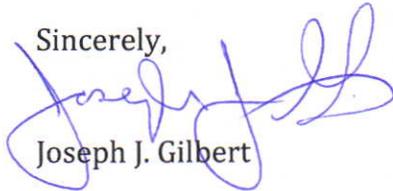
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Honorable Co-Chair Senator Kennedy and Representative Albis and all
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My name is Joseph Gilbert and I am **in favor of Proposed Bill 5722 - An act authorizing the taking of certain oysters that are two and one-half inches in length.**

This is an important component of oyster mariculture in Connecticut and will immediately benefit growers in the Eastern Connecticut area.

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Joseph J. Gilbert