

**Testimony of  
Environment and Human Health, Inc.**

By  
Nancy Alderman, President

**Bill 6842**

***BILL 6842 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS  
OF THE GOVERNOR CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT - 1-3 addresses  
the CT Council on Environmental Quality***

Senator Beth Bye and Representative Toni Walker and members of the Appropriations Committee.

ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN HEALTH, INC. IS IN **STRONG OPPOSITION** OF THE GOVERNORS' PROPOSAL TO REMOVE THE INDEPENDENCE AND REDUCE THE FUNDING OF THE CT COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY .

**ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN HEALTH, INC'S TESTIMONY ASKS THAT THE CONNECTICUT COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (CEQ) REMAIN INDEPENDENT AND KEEPS ITS FUNDING INTACT.**

Environment and Human Health, Inc. (EHHI) is a non-profit organization comprised of nine members who are physicians and public health professionals dedicated to protecting human health from environmental harms.

Because of our work to protect the public from environmental harms, we are well aware of the very important work that the CEQ is performing for the state. The CEQ has two paid staff people that support a large, and hard working, board of volunteers. The CEQ is a good example of how an organization can use non paid, yet informed citizens, to do much of the work while supported by a small paid staff.

Because the CEQ is non-partisan, and because it is NOT connected to any state agency, it can remain independent and therefore be an important voice for the citizens of Connecticut. This independence is critical if we are to get real and unbiased information.

The CEQ works on a very small budget, and yet, because of its volunteer board and its efficient and hard working staff, produces a tremendous amount of important work.

**EHHI asks that you allow the CEQ to remain independent and not connect it to any other State agency.** If it is allowed to be connected to a state agency, Connecticut will lose an important safeguard for the health of our environment as well as human health.

Thank you,  
Nancy Alderman, President  
Environment and Human Health, Inc.  
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