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TO: Environment Committee, Connecticut General Assembly

FROM: William W. Dickinson, Jr., Mayor, Town of Wallingford

Date: February 27, 2015

RE: Testimony – HB 5888, An Act Increasing Reimbursement for
Municipal Phosphorous Abatement

ATTN: Co-Chairmen Senator Ted Kennedy and
Representative James Albis

The Town of Wallingford does not support HB 5888. While the increase in financial support from 50% to 65% is very appropriate, the legislation as drafted does not address the fact that the existing law and DEEP interpretation prevents Wallingford and numerous other municipalities from being eligible for state grant assistance. Given the extreme cost of the phosphorous abatement projects, we believe that we are being treated unfairly. Please see Wallingford testimony submitted in support of HB 5291, An Act Concerning Reimbursement for Municipal Phosphorous Abatement Projects on February 13, 2015. The Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering has now issued a report on the phosphorous abatement methodology and science, and recommends further scientific research. Before committing millions of dollars to abatement projects, we urge that further analysis be completed and available for implementation.

Sincerely,

William W. Dickinson, Jr.
Mayor

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cc: Town of Wallingford Legislators