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MARITIME COALITION



20 March 2015

Honorable Co-Chair's Senator Kennedy and Representative Albis  
Environment Committee  
LOB Room 3200  
Hartford, CT 06106

Honorable Co-Chair Senator Kennedy And Representative Albis, And All Distinguished  
Environmental Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Connecticut Maritime Coalition, Inc. (CMC), a non-profit  
trade association founded in 2000 that represents businesses engaged in maritime  
commerce.

CMC fully supports HB HB 357; HB 5720; and HB 5722.

Additionally, CMC concurs with Mr. Joseph Gilbert's testimony provided herein.

Thank you for reviewing this letter and for considering CMC's support on HB 357; HB  
5720; HB 5722. We would invite you to visit our web site for more information about  
CMC ([www.ctmaritime.com](http://www.ctmaritime.com)).

Sincerely,

  
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Executive Director

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Kevin Hill

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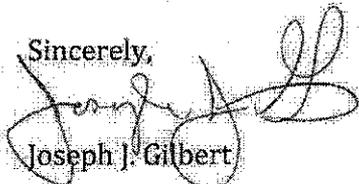
March 19, 2015

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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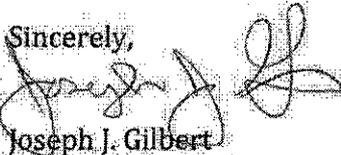
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Distinguished Environmental Committee members,

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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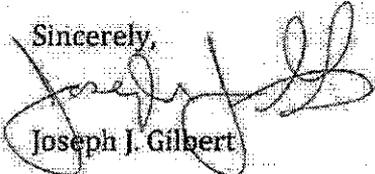
March 19, 2015

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.

Sincerely,



Joseph J. Gilbert