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STATEMENT OF JOHN DICARLO, PUBLIC POLICY and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR for the WATERBURY REGIONAL CHAMBER for the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE on S.B. 941 (RAISED) AN ACT DELAYING IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN STANDARDS AND SAMPLING REQUIREMENTS UPON THE DETECTION OF POLLUTANTS CAUSING CONTAMINATION OF SOIL, GROUNDWATER OR PUBLIC OR PRIVATE DRINKING WATER WELLS.

March 9, 2015

Senator Kennedy, Representative Albis and members of Environment Committee, thank you for accepting my remarks into the record regarding House Bill 941, An Act Delaying Implementation Of Certain Standards And Sampling Requirements Upon The Detection Of Pollutants Causing Contamination Of Soil, Groundwater Or Public Or Private Drinking Water Wells.. The Waterbury Regional Chamber, which serves 13 towns in the Greater Waterbury region and represents the collective interests of more than 1,000 businesses in matters of public policy and economic development, supports this bill.

The Waterbury Regional Chamber is thankful to the Environment Committee and Governor Malloy for their continued focus on Brownfield remediation efforts. Greater Waterbury's industrial legacy is one of the highest ratios of Brownfields in our state. While a number of these properties have been reclaimed in recent years, there are still many key locations that require extensive remediation. Planned uses for local Brownfield sites include a park for the Police Activities League, city public works facility, greenway and commercial development.

The Waterbury Chamber has invested considerable advocacy efforts in recent years to improve the state's Brownfield remediation process. These efforts have worked in concert on these objectives with our region's municipal officials. S.B 941 would provide the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection the opportunity to address serious concerns that have been raised on the full implementation of Public Act 13-308, which would impact the ability to reclaim what are currently stigmatized, and often prominent, properties and create opportunities for communities. It would further our local economic development goals and we urge its passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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