

GATEWAY TERMINAL

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To: Distinguished Members of the Environment Committee

From: Coy Angelo

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Re: SB 78 – AAC the Disposition of Dredged Materials from Certain Harbors and Ports on Long Island Sound

We respectfully urge your opposition to SB 78 AAC the Disposition of Dredged Materials from Certain Harbors and Ports on Long Island Sound.

By way of a very brief background, please note that Gateway Terminal – which operates out of the Port of New Haven - currently employs 170 people who are primarily engaged in the work of exporting in excess of 500,000 tons of scrap metal and importing salt, cement, liquid asphalt, aggregates and fertilizers, steel coils, beams, rebar, petroleum products including bio fuels among other commodities, on an annual basis

If Connecticut loses the ability to dispose of dredge materials in Long Island Sound, the cost of disposal could increase by a factor of six or seven i.e., a \$4 million dollar job becomes a \$25 - \$30 million dollar job when you account for the costs of upland disposal.

New Haven is the major port within CT for moving all products, bulk, both dry and liquid as well as break bulk products. Increased costs for dredging would result in increased costs for bringing goods into the state and could cause the Port of New Haven to lose business to ports in other states, for example, the Port of Providence, Port Newark, and Ports in the Delaware River Basin. Once that happens, then CT loses not only jobs but tax dollars as well.

Ships are getting bigger and New Haven is already behind the curve because the Port is not dredged out to 40' or more. Having a channel depth controlled at 35' at MLW is already a detriment and if this bill were to pass there would be additional costs and additional adverse impacts on maritime trade in the state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Coy Angelo