

Statement of Concern  
Environment Committee  
Senate Bill 78  
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Sen. Kennedy, Rep. Albis, Sen. Chaplin, Rep. Shaban and members of the committee.

My name is James Brown. I reside in Waterford Ct. and I writing here today representing Brewer Deep River Marina.

I would like to offer comments on Senate Bill 78, An Act concerning the Disposition of Dredged Materials from Certain Harbors and Ports on Long Island Sound.

I have been employed the recreational marina business in the State of Ct. for the past 38 years, I am currently the General Manager, of Brewer Deep River Marina. Through all my years of experience in the marina business I am have had first hand experience in how important periodic maintenance dredging is to the operation of Marinas in this state.

The use of off shore disposal sites for the dredge material has been both environmentally safe and economically sensible.

The closure of these sites would have a drastic and negative effect on a operation that is vital to every port, harbor, and marina in the State.

In closing I would like to say that we have serious concerns with this legislation and ask that you consider the points that I have made here today. I appreciate the opportunity to testify here today, and look forward to working with you on SB 78 in the days and weeks ahead.

Thank you

Jim Brown

Brewer Deep River Marina