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Dear Senator Kennedy, Representative Albis, Senator Chapin, Representative Shaban, and esteemed members of the Planning & Development Committee, I submit this testimony in **opposition** of Senate Bill No. 78 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF DREDGED MATERIALS FROM CERTAIN HARBORS AND PORTS ON LONG ISLAND SOUND.

You have already heard from or seen testimony from marina owners and local officials from my area and I agree with their sentiments on this bill.

The 23rd District is home to dozens of marinas both large and small like Saybrook Point Marina, Pilot's Point Marina, Ragged Rock Marina, Harbor One Marina, Wetmore's Marina and Harry's Marina. This industry is a cornerstone of my community and provides thousands of jobs both directly and indirectly due to the marine industry.

I, and many other state legislators, signed onto a letter of support for DMMP by the ACOE back on September 21, 2015, not to mention the support from the EPA, Governor Malloy, CT DOT, CT DEEP, and our entire federal delegation. I would think that if there were real risks that have not been already vetted by this plan, we would have heard about them by now. Adding one additional layer of state regulation is simply unnecessary and could cause significant economic harm to our marine and tourism industries.

It is imperative that the ACOE be able to move forward on this plan without further delay, which I feel this bill would impose. My constituents, businesses, and the economies of my towns and the State of Connecticut depend on it.

Thank you for your consideration.

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