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## Testimony

### In Opposition of Proposed S.B No. 78 An Act Concerning the Disposition of Dredged Materials from Certain Harbors and Ports on Long Island Sound

Environment Committee  
February 19, 2016

Dear Chairman Kennedy, Chairman Albis, Senator Chapin, Representative Shaban and members of the  
Environment Committee:

I write to you in opposition of **Senate Bill 78 An Act Concerning The Disposition of Dredged Materials  
From Certain Harbors and Ports on Long Island Sound.**

This piece of proposed legislation would place an enormous financial burden on the Town of Guilford as there is no land available for Guilford to dispose of any dredging material and no access to any disposal site. This would require any future dredging material be disposed of in the Atlantic Ocean.

Currently the Town of Guilford operates a town marina and a federal channel both of which need to be dredged every five to eight years. This is done to accommodate the needs of private and commercial vessels. The cost to dredge the Town Marina runs from \$250,000 - \$300,000; a figure that would double or even triple should this legislation become law.

Guilford, like other shoreline communities, relies heavily on the economic activity generated by the Long Island Sound. If we were unable to sustain the cost of operating the marina due to high dredging costs our revenue created from the marina would be diminished.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Dredged Material Management Plan identifies alternatives for the handling of dredging materials, including wetlands restoration, which will help protect the Long Island Sound. These environmentally sound alternatives reflect a balanced approach to the disposals of dredging materials.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vin Candelora". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "V".

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