

Senator Kennedy and Representative Albis:

Please accept my testimony for S.B. 141 for the Environment Committee public hearing being held this afternoon, February 24, 2016.

I have acted as Chair of Branford's Inland Wetland Commission for 20 years and understand the workings of both the locally administered regulations and the State promulgated Sec. 22A.

I feel that it is imperative that the DEEP remain as the organization of last resort in attempting to resolve issues that the local IW Commission cannot resolve satisfactorily on a local basis. I further feel that supplanting their authority with that of the courts will not work and will not aid in the goal of applying Sec. 22a uniformly across our State.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danny Shapiro