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Testimony in Support Of  
SB 338 An Act Concerning the Use of Community Investment Account Funds for Combatting  
Invasive Species  
Environment Committee  
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Representative Harding, Representative Gresko, Senator Flexer, Senator Somers and the distinguished members of the Environment Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 338, An Act Concerning the Use of Community Investment Account Funds for Combatting Invasive Species. I would like to thank the Committee for raising this concept and I would like to place my full support behind this legislation.

As the representative from the 67<sup>th</sup> District, Candlewood Lake makes up the largest body of water in Connecticut and holds high importance to my constituents. It is vital for the upkeep of our lakes, ponds, rivers and streams that we generate funds and awareness against these aquatic pests. This bill would allocate 25% of the Community Investment Account to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection as a grant to lake authorities to control the invasive species, which is crucial in avoiding the water in the State of Connecticut being overrun. I believe this is the best option for Connecticut and a future of clean water.

Thank you for raising this proposal and I look forward to working with the committee to move this legislation forward.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Buckbee".

Bill Buckbee  
State Representative, 67<sup>th</sup> District.