



**FOR THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY OF RIVERS ALLIANCE OF CONNECTICUT
February 23, 2018**

***RB 5129 AA ESTABLISHING A "SAVE OUR LAKES" NUMBER PLATE TO COMBAT
AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES AND CYANOBACTERIA BLOOMS.***

Rivers Alliance of Connecticut is a statewide, non-profit coalition of river organizations, individuals, and businesses formed to protect Connecticut's waters by promoting sound water policies, uniting and strengthening the state's many river groups, and educating the public about the importance of water stewardship.

To: Sen. Ted Kennedy Jr., Sen. Craig Miner, Rep. Mike Demicco, Chairmen;
And Honorable Members of the Environment Committee:

Rivers Alliance supports this bill. Our state lakes (other than reservoirs) are in perilous condition. There are no easy solutions. Remedial steps include fixing septic systems, banning law treatments near lake shores, strictly controlling transport of pests from one water body to another, and other tedious and often expensive efforts. We hope this bill help. Help is much needed.

Thank you for your attention and for raising this important bill.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Miner".

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