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## **Testimony on House Bill No. 5129 An Act Establishing A “Save Our Lakes” Number Plate To Combat Aquatic Invasive Species And Cyanobacteria Blooms.**

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I am Dustyn Nelson, of Ellington, Connecticut. Senator Kennedy, Senator Miner, Representative Demicco, Representative Harding and Members of the Environment Committee, I am here to speak in favor of establishing a “Save Our Lakes” number plate. I currently serve as the secretary for the Connecticut Nursery and Landscape Association (CNLA), a collaboration of over 1,700 businesses grossing more than \$800 million annually, and employing approximately 30,000 people. With a heavy focus on professional development, one of the goals of our association is to keep members up to date on all the latest best practices.

I urge support of establishing a “Save Our Lakes” number plate. The CNLA is a founding member of the Connecticut Invasive Plants Council and a strong supporter of invasive plant management. Therefore, we feel education and eradication of invasive plants through funds raised by donations in conjunction with this numbered plate is important to invasive plant management in our state.

Thank you again for all the hard work you put in for the residents of Connecticut, helping to protect our states valuable natural resources for future generations. Your work helps continue to make Connecticut a great place to live and work.