



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

RB 105 AAC *Ensuring Continuing Water Service for Certain Municipalities*

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 of Connecticut writes to point out that Durham in the past has asked for an exemption from water-diversion permit rules so as to have water for its fair. And, in the past, Rivers Alliance has pointed out that this is not a good precedent. The legislature should not be burdened with handing out water permits. There is a draft comprehensive state water plan before your committee, and the Department of Public Health has been working on a different statewide plan for water supply only. (This process is called WUCC planning -- WUCCs being Water Utility Coordinating Committees.) There be some way that Durham can get the water without coming again to the CGA. **Rivers Alliance is not opposing this bill at this time, but we do ask that Durham's problem obtaining water for its fair, in the future, be solved by the town and the relevant agencies.**

By the way, shouldn't the title of the bill read: "... Water Service for A Municipality" ?

Thank you for your work protecting our environment and waters.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Miner". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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