

Testimony of Brian Corbino in opposition to Committee Bill 109 – “*AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF CONNECTICUT’S WATER, AIR AND NATURAL RESOURCES.*” before the Environment Committee

Honorable Representatives and Senators of the Environment Committee

I am writing to you in opposition to Committee Bill 109 - *AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF CONNECTICUT’S WATER, AIR AND NATURAL RESOURCES.* The insertion of an amendment with no public hearing before voting to pass the bill out of committee is a farce, and beneath the dignity of this committee.

I am unable to see the reason why language designating sections of the Quinnipiac River as a wildlife refuge needed to be inserted into this bill, and I am appalled that it was done with no input from the public or from any relevant authorities on the management of wildlife resources.

This committee must strike Amendment A from the bill immediately, or failing that must scrap the bill in its entirety. The public hearing process exists for a reason, and to use such a tactic as an end-run around public input is unacceptable.

With kind regards,

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