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Testimony of Connecticut Fund for the Environment/Save the Sound

IN SUPPORT of H.B. No. 7294. 'AN ACT CONCERNING BOTTLE REDEMPTION IN CT'

**IN SUPPORT of H.B. No. 5019. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FIVE-CENT TAX ON SINGLE-
USE PLASTIC AND PAPER BAGS'**

**IN SUPPORT of H.B. No. 5384. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE
STYROFOAM CONTAINERS'**

**IN SUPPORT of H.B. No. 5385. 'AN ACT REQUIRING THE ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE
PLASTIC STRAWS'**

**IN SUPPORT of S.B. No. 229. 'AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF STYROFOAM TRAYS IN
CONNECTICUT SCHOOLS'**

**IN SUPPORT of S.B. No. 1003. 'AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC
AND PAPER BAGS',**

Submitted by Bill Lucey, Long Island Soundkeeper

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Connecticut Fund for the Environment (CFE) is a non-profit organization with over 3,000 member households and 10,000+ activists statewide. CFE, its bi-state program Save the Sound, and its Soundkeeper Program protect and improve the land, air, and water of Connecticut and Long Island Sound. We use legal and scientific expertise and bring citizens together to achieve results that benefit our environment for current and future generations.

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Cohen and Representative Demicco, Vice-Chairs Reps. Gresko and Sen. Kushner, Ranking Members Rep. Harding and Sen. Miner, and members of the Environment Committee:

Connecticut Fund for the Environment and its bi-state program Save the Sound (CFE/Save the Sound) writes to ask that you support all these bills to stop plastics from making their way into our waterways and Long Island Sound. We run over 60 beach cleanups every year as part of the International Coastal Cleanup. Every year we see the same types of trash dominated by plastic much of which will be eliminated by passage of these bills. Plastic is everywhere; in our water, in our soil and in our food. It is only sensible to remove all unnecessary disposable sources.

Sincerely,

Bill Lucey – Long Island Soundkeeper
Fishable, swimmable and drinkable.