Date: March 11, 2019

To: Connecticut General Assembly Environment Committee

From: Michael A. Urgo, First Selectman, North Stonington

Re: CGA Bill Support

In early February I wrote your Committee in support of many bills that I thought had merit on the subjects of fossil fuels, banning fracking waste HB 6432, and green buildings. I am still in favor of those and I would like to see the combination of all the bills put forth that expand and update the State’s bottle bill in order to promote increased recycling and the reduction of litter in our State. I have attached the letter previously written to this communication for your reference.

I also see that there are many bills in both the House and Senate that address plastic bags. Our Senator Somers has introduced one to provide for compostable and biodegradable bags and our Representative Rotella has endorsed a 5 cent tax. I think a combination of these ideas would encourage the reduction and eventual discontinuance of plastic bags in our State.

Thank you for all the work you do to keep our State beautiful for future generations.

Respectfully,

Michael A. Urgo
First Selectman