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Public Testimony before the Banking Committee –S.B. 150, An Act Establishing The Connecticut
Infrastructure Authority
By Ralph Savy
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Dear Senator Kasser, Representative Doucette, Senator Berthel, Representative Delnicki and distinguished members of the Banking Committee:

My name is Ralph Savy and I am the Technical Director at Savy & Sons, a local full-service infrastructure restoration contractor. I am writing today in support of S.B. 150, An Act Establishing the Connecticut Infrastructure Authority.

Connecticut suffers from aging infrastructure from our roadways to our water lines and even our facilities. Groundwater and stormwater that enter a sewer or water treatment system can account for as much as 50 percent of flow treated. Leaking pipes, manholes, lift stations and treatment plants introduce large amounts of “clear water” to the system, with significant costs to treat. Pumps, controls and other electrical equipment are working overtime to keep up with the additional water.

Sealing the leaks system wide through inspections, waterproofing, pipe lining and repairs is an effective, quantifiable way to reduce energy consumption. Energy usage can be lowered by reducing infiltration at Wastewater Treatment plants as well as private facilities that treat their water before discharging it.

If the state were to recognize the energy efficiency created by proactive measures including pipelining it would incentivize companies across the state to be more proactive and the state could see significant reductions in energy usage.

I urge you to support an infrastructure bank which can help incentivize improvements to aging wastewater infrastructure in the state of Connecticut.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ralph Savy