



**For the Environment Committee  
Testimony of Alicea Charamut, Executive Director  
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*Rivers Alliance was formed to fight for sound water policies at the state and federal levels, to provide education on water resources, and to advocate for any person or group striving to protect water. If you want clean, free-flowing and healthy rivers, and high-quality drinking water, Rivers Alliance is here to help.*

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on the following raised bill before you today.

**HB 6280 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CLIMATE CHANGE  
SUPERFUND– Supports**

The flood on August 18<sup>th</sup> in the Naugatuck Valley took out roads and bridges and caused devastation to personal and commercial properties. Not to mention loss of life. Federal assistance totaled more than \$6M and homeowner insurance claims were upwards of \$2.5M. Under the current federal administration, FEMA and other aid programs may disappear, our state will need to financially prepare for the cost of disasters that come with climate change.

A Climate Change Superfund is essentially an Extended Producer Responsibility program where fossil fuel companies responsible for the impacts will pay for remediation, adaptation, and mitigation programs and strategies instead of the taxpayer and common citizen.

Rivers Alliance supports, in particular, the emphasis on using this fund to invest in nature-based solutions.