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Tax Panel Committee  
Room 2E, Legislative Office Building  
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This letter is in regard to the elimination of the Sales and Use Tax exemption that was afforded to investor owned public utilities. The exemption was initially created to even the playing field between investor owned water companies and municipal water companies which are tax exempt.

This tax imposes additional costs onto water customers, creating rate disparities between private water customers and municipal and regional water utilities. Therefore, Avon Water Company is requesting that the exemption that existed prior to 7/1/2015 be reinstated.

The Avon Water Company is an investor owned public water utility servicing 4,700 customers or about 16,000 people in Avon and small portions of Farmington and Simsbury.

Respectfully submitted,  
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