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Authorities, Inc.



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In Support of Sections 64 and 65 of Governor's S.B. 947
AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER PURPOSES.
Before the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

The Connecticut Water Pollution Abatement Association (CWPAA) and the Connecticut Association of Water Pollution Control Authorities (CAWPCA) is in support of S.B. 947. "An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvement, Transportation and other purposes". CWPAA is a statewide organization that primarily represents the paid professionals that manage, operate and maintain municipal wastewater collection and treatment facilities. CAWPCA is also a statewide organization. It represents the interests of the municipal volunteers that are appointed to serve on local and regional water pollution control authorities ("WPCAs"), with the charge to oversee and manage the operation of the wastewater facilities in their respective municipalities. Collectively, these organizations represent millions of constituents served by wastewater collection and treatment systems.

We would like to thank this committee for supporting the Clean Water Fund over the past several years. Your efforts have contributed to millions of dollars in infrastructure replacement and/or rehabilitation projects which in turn have created many high paying quality jobs here in the State.

This bill as constructed would authorize \$378 million dollars in bonding over two years. The funding will address critical environmental protection measures and maintain the quality of life in and around CT's most valuable resource, the Long Island Sound. Projects will include treatment plant upgrades, combined sewer overflow reduction and elimination, decentralized wastewater treatment, replacement/rehabilitation of aging pipes and pump stations in addition to reduction in discharge of high levels of nutrients such as Nitrogen and Phosphorus.

In closing, we request that your committee continue the progress that has been made over the last several years. We ask that you provide the resources to let WPCA's throughout the State meet its Clean Water obligations.

Sincerely,

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