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Senate Bill Number 1021, Mr. President, move to place
this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Calendar 376, PR;
Calendar 377, PR; Calendar 378, PR; Calendar 379, PR;
Calendar 380, PR. Moving to calendar page 29,
Calendar 381, PR; Calendar 32, PR. Calendar 383,
Senate Bill Number 886, Mr. President, move to place
this item on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Continuing to calendar
page 29, Calendar 384, Senate Bill Number 768, Mr.
President, move to refer this item to the Judiciary
Committee.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Calendar 385, PR. And
calendar page 29, Calendar 386, PR. The remaining
items on our calendar, Mr. President are not double

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Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Before voting -- calling for a vote on the first consent calendar, Mr. President, would move that all items previously noted for referral to various committees be immediately transmitted to those committees.

THE CHAIR:

Without objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Would now ask the Clerk to call the first consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, please make a roll call vote for the consent calendar, also.

THE CLERK:

Immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate. Will all Senators please return to the chamber. Immediate roll call on the consent calendar has been called for in the Senate. Will all Senators please return to the chamber.

Mr. President, those items placed on the first consent calendar began the calendar page one, Calendar Number 364, Senate Joint Resolution Number 73; Calendar 122, Senate Joint Resolution Number 64. Calendar page 2, Calendar 123, Senate Joint Resolution

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Number 65; Calendar 124, Senate Joint Resolution
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Number 14. Calendar page 5, Calendar Number 309,
Senate Joint Resolution Number 72; Calendar
Number 339, Senate Resolution Number 15; Calendar 340,
Senate Resolution Number 16; Calendar Number 387,
House Joint Resolution Number 116. Calendar page 7,
Calendar Number 105, Senate Bill Number 780. Calendar
page 11, Calendar Number 154, substitute for Senate
Bill 222; Calendar 157, Senate Bill Number 861.
Calendar page 20, Calendar Number 261, substitute for
Senate Bill 959; Calendar Number 262, substitute for
Senate Bill 960. Calendar page 22, calendar Number
313, Senate Bill Number 947. Calendar page 23,

Calendar Number 315, Senate Bill Number 1012;

Calendar 322, substitute for Senate Bill 488.

Calendar page 26, Calendar Number 366, substitute for
Senate Bill 784. Calendar page 27, Calendar 371,

substitute for Senate Bill 243. Calendar page 28,

Calendar Number 375, substitute for Senate Bill 1021.

Calendar page 29, Calendar 383, substitute for Senate
Bill 886.

Mr. President, that completes those items placed
on the consent calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk, could you please call for a roll call
vote on the consent calendar again.

THE CLERK:

The Senate is now voting by roll call on the
consent calendar. Will all Senators please return to
the chamber. The Senate is now voting by roll call on
the consent calendar. Will all Senators please return
to the chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Have all Senators voted? If all Senators have
voted, please check your vote. The machine will be
locked. The Clerk will call the tally.

THE CLERK:

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Motion is on adoption of Consent Calendar

Number 1.

Total Number Voting	36
Those voting Yea	36
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	0

THE CHAIR:

The consent calendar passes. The Senate will stand at ease.

Chamber at ease.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, the next item we'd like to take up is on Senate Agenda Number 1, previously adopted. That is Emergency Certified House Bill Number 6715. Would ask the Clerk to call that item from Senate Agenda Number 1.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Calling from Senate Agenda Number 1, Emergency.

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Calendar 471, Senate Bill Number 1128, Mr. President, I move to refer this item to the Committee on Public Safety and Security.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is to refer item to Public Safety and Security.

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Calendar 473, PR.

Calendar 490, PR.

Calendar 502, PR.

Moving to calendar page 42, Calendar 519, Senate Bill Number 1092, Mr. President, I move to place this item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Motion on the floor to place the item on Consent.

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Calendar 541, PR.

Moving to Disagreeing Actions on calendar page 42, Calendar 375, Senate Bill 1021, Mr. President, I move to place this item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on the floor to place the item on the

Consent Calendar.

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President. Calendar 161, PR.

Calendar page 43, Calendar 167, Senate Joint Resolution Number 62, I move to refer this item to the Committee on Government Administration and Elections.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is to refer item to Government Administration and Elections.

Seeing no objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Calendar 560, House Joint Resolution Number 49, I move to place this item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on the floor to place the item on Consent.

Seeing no objection, so ordered.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Calendar 561, House Joint Resolution Number 55, I move to place the item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

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for House Bill 6643; Calendar 536, Substitute for
House Bill 6685.

Calendar page 15, Calendar Number 539, Substitute
for House Bill 6287.

Calendar page 17, Calendar 553, Substitute for
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Bill 6324.

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Calendar page 29, Calendar 175, Substitute for
Senate Bill 617.

Calendar page 30, Calendar 182, Senate Bill 973.

Calendar page 31, Calendar 206, Substitute for
Senate Bill 949.

Calendar page 37, Calendar Number 368, Senate
Bill 846.

Calendar page 38, Calendar 396, House Bill 5841.

Calendar page 42, Calendar 519, Substitute for
Senate Bill 1092; Calendar 375, Substitute for Senate
Bill 1021.

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items placed on the first Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Thank you. Clerk, if you could please call for a roll call vote, I will open the machine.

THE CLERK:

The Senate is now voting by roll call on the Consent Calendar, will all Senators please return to the chamber. The Senate is now voting by roll on the Consent Calendar, will all Senators please return to the chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Have all Senators voted? If all Senators have voted, please check your vote. The machine will be locked.

Mr. Clerk, please call the tally.

THE CLERK:

The motion is on adoption of Consent Calendar
Number 1:

Total Number Voting	36
Necessary for Adoption	19
Those Voting Yea	36
Those Voting Nay	0
Those Absent/Not Voting	0

THE CHAIR:

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Consent Calendar Number 1 passes.

Senator Looney.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I would move for suspension for immediate transmittal to the House of Representatives of item on calendar page 42, Calendar 519, Senate Bill 1092, An Act Concerning the Client's Security Fund, that was included in the immediately preceding vote on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is to suspend down to the House Calendar 519.

Without objection, so ordered, sir.

SENATOR LOONEY:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, as the second order of the day, I would ask the Clerk to call the item on calendar page 22, Calendar 595, Substitute for House Bill 6648.

THE CHAIR:

Mr. Clerk.

THE CLERK:

Turning to calendar page 22, a matter marked second order of the day, Calendar Number 595, File

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REP. FLEXER: (149th)

I just wanted to stand and recognize. We have a number of students here today from Quinnebaug Valley Community College and I ask the Chamber rise and welcome them with a warm round of applause.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Certainly. Welcome, Quinnebaug. Thank you for joining us here today. Maybe you could all rise. Students and staff from Quinnebaug Community College, please rise.

(APPLAUSE)

Welcome to our Chamber.

Are there any other announcements or introductions? Any other announcements or introductions?

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 444.

CLERK:

State of Connecticut House of Representatives,
Calendar for Wednesday, April 29, 2009.

On Page 19, Calendar Number 444, Substitute for Senate Bill Number 1021 AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION OF CONTAMINANTS IN DRINKING WATER, Favorable Report of the Committee on Public Health.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

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The Chairman of the Environment Committee,
Richard Roy. Representative, you have the floor, Sir.

REP. ROY: (119th)

Thank you, Sir. Good morning, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I move acceptance of the Joint
Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The question is on acceptance of the Joint
Committee's Favorable Report and passage of the bill.

Will you remark?

REP. ROY: (119th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, what this
does, it requires the state to notify a community when
a contaminant is found in a community's water supply.

I move passage.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Will you remark further? Representative
Heinrich.

REP. HEINRICH: (101st)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, the Clerk
has an amendment, LCO Number 5937. I ask that he call
it and I receive permission to summarize.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

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Will the Clerk please call LCO Number 5937, which will be designated as House Amendment Schedule "A".

CLERK:

LCO Number 5937, House "A", offered
Representatives Heinrich, Roy and Chapin.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The Representative takes leave of the Chamber to summarize the Amendment. Is there objection to summarization? Is there objection? Hearing none, Representative Heinrich, you may proceed with summarization.

REP. HEINRICH: (101st)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, this Amendment is designed to improve communications between the Department of Public Health and our municipal leaders when it comes to drinking water safety.

Mr. Speaker, I move its adoption.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

The question before the Chamber is adoption of House Amendment Schedule "A". Will you remark on the Amendment?

Will you remark on the Amendment? Representative Chapin.

REP. CHAPIN: (67th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. A question to the
proponent, though you, please.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Please proceed.

REP. CHAPIN: (67th)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Is the only difference,
the only difference I see between the Amendment and
the underlying language in the file copy is really
we're inserting a time limit of when that notification
has to occur, not later than five business days.

Is that correct? Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Heinrich.

REP. HEINRICH: (101st)

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Through you, Mr.
Speaker, yes, that is the most substantive change.
There are a few smaller wording changes just to make
sure that the wording of the bill actually does what
we're asking it to do.

Through you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Representative Chapin.

REP. CHAPIN: (67th)

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Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I thank the gentle lady for her answers. I certainly stand here in support of the Amendment and the underlying bill as well.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Thank you, Representative. Will you remark further on the Amendment? Will you remark further on the Amendment before us?

If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor of the Amendment, signify by saying Aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

All those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The Amendment is adopted.

Will you remark further on the bill as amended?
Will you remark further on the bill as amended?

If not, staff and guests come to the Well of the House. Members take their seats. The machine will be opened.

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by Roll Call. Members to the Chamber.

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The House is voting by Roll Call. Members to the Chamber, please.

SPEAKER DONOVAN:

Have all the Members voted? Have all the Members voted? Will the Members please check the board to determine whether your vote is properly cast.

If all the Members have voted, the machine will be locked and the Clerk will take the tally.

The Clerk will please announce that tally.

CLERK:

Senate Bill Number 1021 as amended by House "A".

Total Number Voting	131
Necessary for Adoption	66
Those voting Yea	131
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	20

DEPUTY SPEAKER MCCLUSKEY:

The bill as amended is passed.

Will the Clerk please call Calendar Number 203.

CLERK:

On Page 7, Calendar Number 203, Substitute for House Bill Number 5186 AN ACT CONCERNING THE THOMPSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT. Favorable Report of the Committee on Planning and Development.

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I have to say thank you for your testimony, because I firsthand have experience on what it can do and the side effects. Thank you.

REP. ROY: Thank you. Representative Mushinsky.

REP. MUSHINSKY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Dr. Mitchell, I want to ask you if you would help us address the concern of some of the members of the Senate that this might be a harassment issue, because if we had you clearly express that you don't think it's a problem, that air quality issue is a much bigger issue for the minority community, I think it would have some resonance and might actually get this bill passed.

MARK MITCHELL: Yeah, again, I'm a very strong supporter and I've talked to a number of members of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus who are also supporting this legislation. They don't see a problem with harassment.

REP. ROY: Thank you.

Any other questions or comments for Mark?
Seeing none. Thank you very much, sir.

Andrea Kiener followed by Elizabeth Gara.
Andrea had to leave? Elizabeth Gara followed by David Horn.

ELIZABETH GARA: Good afternoon, Representative Roy, members of the Committee. My name is Elizabeth Gara. I'm the executive director of the Connecticut Water Works Association. CWWA is a trade association of regional, municipal and private water utilities, and we strongly support the intent of Senate Bill 1021, which would require notification or remediation of contaminants in drinking water. But we did

want the Committee members to be aware that there are distinctions under state and federal law that should be reflected in any legislation on this issue moving forward. For example, the bill requires DPH after testing to notify the municipality's legislative body regarding the presence of any contaminant. But under current state and federal law, community water systems, which are water systems that serve at least 25 people on a regular, year-round basis or have 15 service connections: Your water companies, homeowner associations, condo associations. They are required to test for 83 different contaminants under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. They are also required to notify customers in the local health directory regarding any violations and to remediate any of these violations within a specified time period. However, non community water systems such as schools, factories or businesses with their own water supplies are not required to test for certain contaminants like uranium under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. So we're not sure that the way this is currently worded, whether the legislature will actually have the desired effect of addressing and remediating uranium in a non community water system.

The bill also calls for the legislative body to develop a plan for remediation. Again, community water systems are required under current law to remediate any of these types of contamination. However, the non community water systems is really the entity that I think that the legislation is looking to address. We also, as community water systems are required to prepare consumer confidence reports on an annual basis and to provide those to all our customers as well as local health directors, many of our water companies,

if not all of them, also provide a copy to the chief elected official out of courtesy, and these reports would include any violations within the water system relative to any contamination as well as a host of other issues.

So we bring these issues to your attention. We would certainly like to work with the Committee to draft legislation that addresses the concerns outlined in the legislation. Thank you.

REP. ROY: Thank you. Any questions or comments from members of the Committee? Seeing none. Elizabeth, thank you very much.

David Horn. He'll be followed by Khadija.

DAVID HORN: Good morning, Senator Meyer, Representative Roy and members of the Environment Committee. My testimony is in support of HB 6572, an act banning certain children's products containing Bisphenol-A. I'm a policy student at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work and an intern at the Connecticut Citizen Action Group.

In the language of Chapter 420(b) of the general statutes, hazardous and toxic chemicals are those which can cause illness, sickness or personal injury. BPA or Bisphenol-A is a hormonally-active chemical which mimics the natural-occurring estrogens in our body. Its effects are complex and not explainable using the label of not hazardous, yet the plastics industry seems to be using this label in conclusion of recent independent science-based studies on the chemical's complex effects.



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

March 2, 2009

CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

Raised Senate Bill 1021 "An Act Concerning Notification and Remediation of Contaminants in Drinking Water"

This bill would require the notification of municipal local officials in the event that the Department of Public Health finds a contaminant in the public water supply of such town or city, that exceeds standards prescribed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the municipality would then be required to take certain action.

It is certainly important that municipal officials quickly be aware of a contaminant in the local water supply and that action be taken to remedy the situation. Contamination can come from a wide-range of sources and short of such contamination being the fault of the municipality itself, remediation should be a joint state-local effort and adequate authority be given to both to recoup costs associated with the clean-up from the responsible party. Such responsibility should not be the sole burden of the municipality, especially when public water supplies generally feed a region.

CCM urges the committee to **incorporate state responsibility and the authority for state and local government to hold the responsible party(s) accountable.**

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If you have any questions, please contact Kachina Walsh-Weaver, Senior Legislative Associate of
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TESTIMONY
ELIZABETH GARA
CONNECTICUT WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION (CWWA)
BEFORE THE
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MARCH 2, 2009

**RE: SB-1021, An Act Concerning Notification and Remediation of Contaminants in
Drinking Water**

The Connecticut Water Works Association, Inc. (CWWA) is an association of private, municipal and regional public water supply utilities serving more than 500,000 customers, or population of about 2½ million people, located throughout Connecticut. CWWA is committed to working with the state to develop policies that will ensure that Connecticut has a safe, ample supply of water to meet present and future needs.

The Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA) and its member water companies strongly support efforts to ensure the safety and quality of Connecticut's public water supplies. We therefore **support the intent of SB-1021, An Act Concerning Notification and Remediation of Contaminants in Drinking Water**, to ensure the prompt notification and remediation of contaminants found in public water supplies.

As drafted, the bill requires the Commissioner of Public Health, after testing, to notify the municipality's legislative body regarding the presence of any contaminant. We would suggest that there are already mechanisms in place that adequately address those concerns for community water systems, which are public water systems that have at least 15 service connections or serve 25 persons on a regular, year-round basis. These community water systems are subject to extensive regulations by the Department of Public Health, required to do extensive water quality testing, and would be required to take measures to notify customers within a specified time and remediate any water quality violations.

However, unlike a community water system, *non-community water systems* – such as schools, factories, and businesses with their own water supplies – are not required to test for the presence of uranium under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Therefore, the requirement suggested in this legislation may not have the desired effect of expediting the detection and remediation of uranium in a non-community water system, such as a school.

Moreover, the legislation calls for the legislative body of the municipality to develop a plan for remediation. While this may be appropriate for situations involving a non-community water system, under federal and state law, in situations involving a public water supplier, the water company is already required to test and remediate any

contamination. They would have the expertise and be best suited to develop and implement such a plan.

In addition, all "*community water systems*" in Connecticut are required to prepare and deliver public reports on the sources and quality of their drinking water supplies by July 1 each year. Consumer Confidence Reports, required under the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act, give citizens critical information about the sources and quality of the water they consume. The reports are designed to help consumers make practical, knowledgeable decisions about their health and their environment. The reports, which must be sent to the local health director in each town served by the community water system, are required to include a notice of any violation, such as the presence of any contaminants in the public water supply. Many water companies also provide copies of such reports to the chief elected officials in the towns served, although this is not required. "*Non-community public water systems*", however, are not required to prepare Consumer Confidence Reports, under the federal law and therefore if contaminants are found, there are currently no notification requirements.

We bring these issues to your attention so that the legislation can be modified to more appropriately address the issues pertaining to the presence of contaminants in a non-community public water system. CWWA would be pleased to work with the committee and the DPH in developing language to address these issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions, please contact CWWA's Executive Director, Elizabeth Gara, at 860-547-0566.



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TESTIMONY

SB 791 AAC Banning Bisphenol-A in Certain Children's Products

HB 6572 AAC Banning Bisphenol-A in Children's Products and Food Products and Prohibiting Certain Alternative Substances

SB 919 An Act Phasing Out the Use of Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers

SB 1021 AAC Notification & Remediation of Contaminants in Drinking Water

Rivers Alliance is the statewide, non-profit coalition of river organizations, individuals, and businesses formed to protect and enhance Connecticut's waters by promoting sound water policies, uniting and strengthening the state's many river groups, and educating the public about the importance of water stewardship.

Dear Chairman Meyer, Chairman Roy, and Members of the Committee:

Rivers Alliance of Connecticut supports the goals of eliminating or phasing out as rapidly as possible the use bisphenol-A and polybrominated diphenyl ethers. These substances are water contaminants.

Bisphenol-A is one of numerous manmade endocrine disruptors found in the nation's water courses, estuaries, and salt waters. The ubiquitous brew of hormone-disrupting chemicals is affecting the sexual development of fish, amphibians, and, according to some studies, humans, as well. These chemicals come from plastics, pesticides, and medications. At present, there is no technology in place to get them out of our waters.

Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) are chemically similar to polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and other polyhalogenated compounds. These manufactured compounds tend to be toxic, persistent, and they accumulate in animal and human bodies with negative effects on the hormonal, immune, and neurological systems. The Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (2007) reported that PBDEs are

increasing rapidly in the Lakes' sediments. Among humans, children seem to be especially at risk of PBDE accumulation. PDBEs are widely found in breast milk.

With both bisphenol-A and PBDEs remediation and treatment once contamination and exposure have occurred is extremely difficult and expensive. The key is to reduce the presence of these chemicals in our water, air, and home environments.

Re SB 1021, we support the notification requirement. We believe it should be extended such that the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Public Health (including the Health Districts) be required to work together on a unified program to identify contaminants in potable water, and to notify all who may be using or planning to use such waters, including citizens on private wells.

Thank you for working to clean up our air and water.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Miner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Margaret Miner,
Executive Director



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President
 Carolyn Wysocki

Senator Meyers, Representative Roy, Members of the Environment Committee

Vice President
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My name is Carolyn Wysocki and as President of ECHO, (Ecological Health Organization, Inc) I am here to voice strong support for all the Bills on the Agenda.

Secretary
 Joseph Uricola

1 S B No 791 (RAISED) AN ACT BANNING BISPHENOL-A IN CERTAIN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS

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3 S B No 919 (RAISED) AN ACT PHASING OUT THE USE OF POLYBROMINATED DIPHENYL ETHERS

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6. S B No 1021 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION AND REMEDIATION OF CONTAMINANTS IN DRINKING WATER.

7. H B No 6572 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING BANNING BISPHENOL-A IN CHILDREN'S PRODUCTS AND FOOD PRODUCTS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN ALTERNATIVE SUBSTANCES

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In January, 1992-ECHO was formed as a statewide nonprofit, advocacy, support, educational and referral organization for people with Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) and for others who care about its prevention. MCS is a chronic disorder in which people develop increased reactions to various chemicals found in products such as pesticides, building materials, fragrances carpets, food, clothing, exhaust, smoke and cleaning products...Our MCS members are living proof of the linkages between the environment and health.

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MCS affects multiple organ systems (respiratory, digestive, neurological, musculoskeletal, reproductive, cardiovascular) and commonly includes symptoms such as asthma, difficulty breathing and concentrating, migraines, loss of memory, dizziness, muscle/joint pains, and fatigue There is no known cure for MCS, and the most effective treatment found to date is avoidance of toxic chemicals, a difficult task in today's world.

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Agnes Jonas

Joyce Kowalczyk

People with MCS can suffer serious adverse reactions to low levels of chemicals such as PBA (Biphenyl, PBDEs (Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers, pesticides, diesel pollutants emitted from artificial turf and contaminates in our water. We have had to make serious changes in our way of life such as using non-toxic cleaning products, safe building materials, growing and eating organic foods and using non toxic methods of lawn care. We are at risk of exposures and whenever we go out in the public whether its grocery shopping, school/community events, church, work, hospital or here to testify at the LOB We have been "Green" long before it became fashionable.

Linda Lantz

Dr Mark Mitchell

Sue Riedeman

Elaine Tomko

Through past and current legislation, Connecticut has taken a leadership roll in the prevention of illnesses related to chemicals and is supporting a cleaner and Healthier Community for all.

Joseph Uricola

These bills would help to prevent children and adults from developing MCS or other illnesses due to exposures to toxic chemicals . There are alternatives

Carolyn Wysocki

People with MCS are tired of being an experiment for the Chemical Industry. ECHO supports Prevention and these Bills

MISSION

To safeguard the health and well-being of the environment and its inhabitants

Prevention is Our Intention!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Wysocki

Carolyn Wysocki, ECHO President