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SENATE DEMOCRATS

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Hartford, Connecticut 06106-1591

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The Honorable Jack Betkoski
Chair, Water Planning Council
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Dear Commissioner Betkoski,

We are writing after learning that the Water Planning Council is being urged not to include that "water is a public trust" in its water plan.

The fact that there is any hesitation to have this language in the water plan is deeply disturbing. It leaves us to wonder - "who would be opposed to this idea?"

The language is in statute and is a basic premise of a healthy and safe community. The language was also a primary concern among the public who testified.

We urge you to support this language in your vote tomorrow and stand up for future generations of CONNECTICUT residents who will be dealing with increasing shortages of water.

Sincerely,

Martin M. Looney
Senate President Pro Tempore

Beth Bye
State Senator