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"Testimony in support of the Proposed Stream Flow Standards & Regulations."

Dear Mr Stacey,

My name is Richard Carter a long-time resident of Guilford and also a life member of Hammonasset Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Please include my name in support of the proposed Stream Flow Standards & Regulations.

I feel that this measure will have a positive impact on the quality of our waters if implemented and enforced.

Water is the greatest public resource. Afterall we all live downriver of someone. Our common intrest is not only the quality of available water but also quantity. For those that live in the City clean water is brought to them from protected sources.

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Therefore all of us likewise need to protect our total sources. The water companies manage this first by letting nature do what it does best, filter, cool and maintain its balance in PH and nutrients. For the water company it is an added expense to fix what someone else above them has altered be it bacteria count or chemical imbalance. This "Stream Flow Standard & Regulations" should help in the same fashion to allow our streams statewide to clean and maintain themselves.

I feel that these regulations will help lead to better quality and quantity management in the state. The ideal of adequate flow in our streams and rivers should exist in all of the state and this improved habitat will allow trout and other species to survive and thrive.

I see that these regulations take into account seasonal flow requirements and an inclusion of standards for groundwater extraction. These two parts allow for the ebb and flow that nature relies on without extracting a stream till its dry as a pile of dead bones.

I understand that urban Class 4 rivers will not recieve stream flow protection, this is too bad that these waters will be abandoned for any chance that they can

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remain viable habitat for trout. Although I do understand that reversing multiple heavy commercial overuse is problematic at best. I hope that you would consider a reclimation plan for habitat preservation to prevent further degredation within the Class 4 waters.

As an active member of Trout Unlimited I know that restoration efforts can be sucessful at improving rivers throughout the state. There is a strong desire to protect our rivers and a will to work together, as conservationists and to restore them.

The proposed "Stream Flow Standards and Regulations" are an important step in ensuring an abundant supply of water for human use while protecting the ecological and recreational enjoyment of Connecticuts rivers and streams. Please also consider the improvement or at least maintain the Class 4 urban rivers along a sliding scale so they do not sink to even lower quality within the Class 4 status. the improvement of Class 4 should have a workable option so no place has to be left without recourse to improve.

Sincerely

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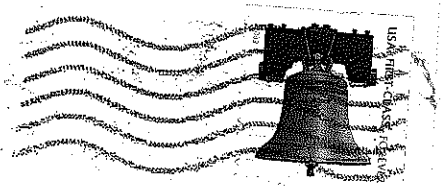

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