

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1494 AAC TESTING FOR PFAS IN CERTAIN WATER SUPPLIES March 17, 2025

To: Honorable Co-Chairs Sen. Lopes and Rep. Parker, and Distinguished Members of the Environment Committee

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 1494 to improve the standards needed to limit PFAS in our drinking water supply.

The federal EPA adopted strong standards in 2024 that are more healthprotective than what Connecticut currently has in statute.

To better protect our drinking water from PFAS contamination, **Connecticut** should codify into state law the stronger EPA standards as they exist now (March 2025).

CTLCV aligns our support for SB 1494 with the expert testimony of Clean Water Action. The dangers and health risks posed by exposure to PFAS chemicals are well known, but bear repeating: kidney and testicular cancers, liver damage, reproductive disorders, thyroid disruption, impaired immune function and increased resistance to vaccines in children.

We urge the committee to continue its leadership in reducing PFAS contamination in the environment and assure that our state adopts into law these stronger EPA standards. Thank you for considering our testimony.

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