



TESTIMONY

SB 281 AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PROPERTY TRANSFER LAW

SB 293 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RELEASE-BASED PROPERTY REMEDIATION PROGRAM

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To: Honorable Commerce Committee Co-Chairs Sen. Hartley and Rep. Simmons
Honorable Environment Committee Co-Chairs Sen. Cohen and Rep. Demicco
Distinguished Members of the Commerce and Environment Committees

From: Lori Brown, Executive Director, Connecticut League of Conservation Voters

On behalf of CTLCV, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in response to SB 281 and SB 293.

Please note that CTLCV has signed on to testimony submitted by Connecticut Fund for the Environment/Save the Sound. However, we would like to further emphasize the critical need for DEEP resources to ensure LEP oversight, sufficient audits and actual cleanups. Our chief concern is that changes to the current law must actually **increase the number of sites remediated**.

- 1) The proposed release-based system must be well structured to efficiently conduct MORE cleanups.
- 2) DEEP must be provided with additional resources to implement the program with genuine oversight to ensure it is working.

We do not believe an effective transition or adequate audit program can be conducted with existing DEEP staff. If the legislature and administration are serious about making this program the best it can be for business and the environment, now is the time to seriously invest resources into DEEP to make that happen.

Thank you for considering these comments as you deliberate these bills.

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