



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 732**  
AA Requiring the State Water Plan To Be Amended  
To Address Climate Change  
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**To:** Honorable Co-Chairs Sen. Lopes and Rep. Parker, and Distinguished Members of the Environment Committee

**From:** Lori Brown, Executive Director, CT League of Conservation Voters

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for **SB 732 that would update Connecticut's State Water Plan**. The impact of climate change is especially significant on water and is happening rapidly, such as floods, droughts, and more severe weather events.

CTLCV participated in the development of the current plan many years ago and worked for its adoption by the legislature. The plan needs to be updated to better integrate water quality and quantity goals among agencies. It should address all water resources, not just drinking water managed by the utilities.

This much needed legislation would **require the Water Planning Council to recommend steps to increase the climate resiliency of existing water resources and infrastructure**.

CTLCV supports the recommendations of the Rivers Alliance of CT and the CT Association of Conservation Districts, and urges you to support SB 732 with the following **revisions to the proposed bill**:

- Require an update of the State Water Plan every five years, starting this year.
- Include emerging and legacy contaminants.
- Inventory all lands within public drinking water supply watersheds and aquifer protection areas, not just those owned by water utilities.
- Update annual reporting requirements to the CGA to include an implementation plan and associated costs for the coming year.

Thank you for considering these modifications to improve SB 732.

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