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Senator Richard Blumenthal
503 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Chris Murphy
136 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Congressman John B. Larson
1501 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senators Blumenthal and Murphy and Congressman Larson,

As the elected delegation representing the town of Southington, we write this letter in strong support of the Southington Water Department's request for infrastructure funding through a Congressionally Directed Spending request for the Wells 9 and 10 PFAS Treatment Project. The project will provide higher quality water to Southington residents by adding PFAS treatment to water withdrawn from these wells.

Southington Water Department's Board of Water Commissioners proposed and is now planning infrastructure improvements to ensure that Southington has safe drinking water for the foreseeable future. The Department's unique structure underscores the need for this funding: rather than being run by the town of Southington, it is governed by six elected officials who comprise the Board, meaning it is not subsidized by taxpayer dollars. Granting this funding request is the only way to guarantee that Southington's water will be protected from further PFAS contamination.

The Department has several projects planned and would welcome the infusion of funds supported by a Congressionally Directed Spending request. All funds would be used for the project, which included construction of a new water treatment plant at the existing well field. Wells 9 and 10 are the highest producing wellfield in the SWD system and can supply up to 3 million gallons of water per day (MGD). The average daily demand for Southington is approximately 3.8 (MGD), therefore, Wells 9 and 10 can supply nearly the entire town with drinking water under average conditions, proving its critical role in meeting the total demands of the water system.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$13.8 million, however the Department is currently requesting \$4 million. A Congressionally Directed Spending request would help offset these significant costs, saving limited customer and taxpayer funds in Southington.

The funds would help the Department meet the requirements of the drinking water standard issued in April 2024 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to protect communities from exposure to harmful per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), also known as "forever chemicals". Exposure to PFAS is believed to cause negative health impacts. This important project will help improve water quality and enhance public health for citizens for years to come.

Sincerely,

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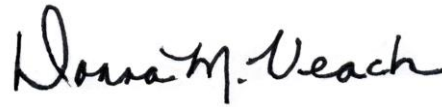
Senator Rob Sampson, 16th Dist.

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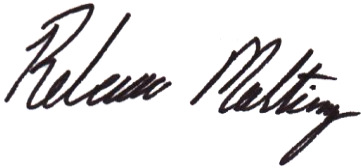
Representative Christopher Poulos, 81st Dist.

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Representative Gale L. Mastrofrancesco, 80th Dist.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna M. Veatch".

Representative Donna Veatch, 30th Dist.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Martinez".

Representative Rebecca Martinez, 22nd Dist.

c: Manisha Juthani, MD, Commissioner of Public Health
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Mark Boughton, Senior Advisor to the Governor for Infrastructure