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Testimony

**In Support of Proposed H.B. 5094
An Act Concerning Construction Of A Waterline In The Town of Thomaston.**

**Planning and Development Committee
February 4, 2015**

Dear Chairman Osten, Chairman Miller, Senator Linares, Representative Belsito and members of the Planning and Development Committee:

I am writing in support of H.B. No. 5094, An Act Concerning Construction of a Waterline in the Town of Thomaston.

The residents of Jackson Street in Thomaston have contaminated wells, which has created severe hardship over the past decade. The issue was brought to light for a house that was put on the market in the later part of 2003. During this time, the owner had difficulty receiving a "satisfactory water sample (coliform and fecal coliform)", according to a Torrington Area Health District memorandum.

The Health District followed up with other residents to test and investigate their wells. Several wells came back with unsafe levels of bacteria. In one case a new well was drilled to a thousand feet, however no water was present. Given the density of the lots and insufficient underground water sources, the extension of public water to this street is the long term solution.

This legislation would help these residents received proper drinking water.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

John Piscopo
State Representative – 76th District