



**For the Energy and Technology Committee
Testimony of Alicea Charamut, Executive Director
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Rivers Alliance was formed to fight for sound water policies at the state and federal levels, to provide education on water resources, and to advocate for any person or group striving to protect water. If you want clean, free-flowing and healthy rivers, and high-quality drinking water, Rivers Alliance is here to help.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on the following raised bills before you today.

**HB-5346 AAC CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL SEWER USE CHARGES DURING
SUMMER MONTHS, Oppose**

The ability for water pollution control authorities (WPCA) to maintain and upgrade infrastructure in order to comply with Clean Water Act requirements is of great importance to Rivers Alliance. Many WPCAs are struggling to keep up with maintenance, repair and replacement of aging infrastructure. This infrastructure experiences wear and tear whether or not it is in full use. Homeowners on municipal sewer benefit from a well-maintained system whether or not they live in the community year-round and full-time residents should not be made to foot the majority of the cost to maintain the system.

Please do not inhibit the ability for WPCAs to set rates that will allow them to generate enough revenue to keep up with the operation and maintenance of their systems. Rivers Alliance strongly encourages you to vote no on this proposed legislation.

**SB-10 AAC CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CLIMATE CHANGE,
Support**

Thank you for codifying Governor Lamont's Executive Order 3 into law and addressing the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector. Please vote in support of this bill.