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#### Planning and Development Committee Public Hearing Testimony

Dear Senator Cassano, Senator Needleman, Senator Hwang, Representative McCarty Vahey, Representative Goupil, Representative Zullo, and other members of the Planning and Development Committee,

My name is Tim Ackert and I Represent the 8th District, which includes Columbia, Coventry, Tolland, and Vernon. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today to speak in strong support of the following bill on the public hearing agenda:

#### **Raised SB 701 AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOLTON LAKES REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY.**

This proposal would create a process that would authorize the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority Board of Directors to enter into an agreement with the Town of Coventry to expansion public sewers with the goal of addressing ongoing septic issues in the Route 44 corridor. The Town has had ongoing conversations with DEEP, OPM, and others for a lengthy period of time to present plans on how to address those septic issues to enhance environmental protections for the existing farmlands, wetlands, and other sensitive areas along this vital corridor in Eastern Connecticut as well as promote efforts for economic development. The Town of Coventry is not looking for financial resources to pay for this project, rather a path to accomplish these goals that will be positive for my community and our neighboring towns.

Thank you for the opportunity today to share my thoughts on **rSB 701** and respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of the legislation.