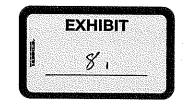


January 27, 2010

The Honorable Clark J. Chapin State Representative Environment Committee Room 3200, Legislative Office Building Hartford, CT 06106



Dear Representative Chapin;

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