

Testimony in support of 7423: Department of Administration—Wastewater Capacity Study

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To Chair Bennett and the honorable Members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

I support the bill because it requires to conduct a wastewater capacity study to evaluate the capacity, flows, physical conditions, regulatory compliance and vulnerabilities to natural hazards of publicly/privately owned wastewater infrastructure.

This study will establish comprehensive and up-to-date data as input into prioritizing and conducting improvements of our wastewater infrastructure, as a prerequisite to reduce unnecessary pollution and to strengthen resilience during extreme weather events.

I'm a member of the Town of Barrington Resilience and Energy Committee, and from my work on the committee I know of the dire need for further improvement of our vulnerable wastewater infrastructure, and of necessary action to avoid very expensive cost of loss and damage from disasters.

Please bring the bill to a vote in 2026.

Thank you very much for considering my input, and thank you to Representative Speakman for introducing this important bill.



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