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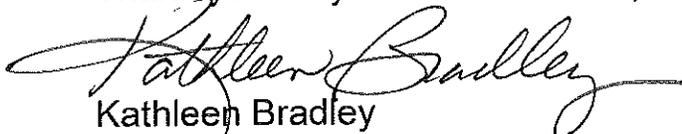
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I am writing regarding the DEP proposed state stream flow regulations which, for the first time ever, will require minimum flows to protect the ecological health of every state river. I support this but am opposed to the inclusion of **Class 4** that applies to heavily impacted, usually urbanized, rivers.

I do not believe that using up natural and historic resources and then writing them off is in the best interest of Connecticut. Because these rivers/waterways have become "heavily impacted" by historic human use/abuse and possible neglect by state regulation, I think the state should take special care to protect them.

Thank you for your consideration,


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