

# Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



February 11, 2023

Esteemed Chairs Lopes and Gresko,  
Members of the Environment Committee:

The Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG) appreciates the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill 100, *An Act Establishing an Account in the General Fund to Provide Grants to Towns That Need PFAS Testing and Remediation*.

The presence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water is an emerging health concern. The impacts of PFAS appear to depend on exposure, so the sooner water can be tested, and eventual contamination remediated, the more adverse health outcomes (and costs) can be avoided. SB 100 would provide the resources needed to determine whether the water the state's residents drink is safe and, where it is not, to limit continued exposure to PFAS through timely remediation.

Given the potential for economies of scale in PFAS testing and treatment, WestCOG suggests your Committee **clarify that grants from the PFAS Testing account may be made to groups of municipalities (e.g., a regional Council of Governments or a regional health district)** in addition to individual municipalities.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis R. Pickering".

Francis R. Pickering  
Executive Director