



State of Connecticut
CONNECTICUT GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE CAPITOL
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

February 24, 2025

Senator Cathy Osten
Appropriations Committee Chair
300 Capitol Ave.
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Osten:

In reviewing the Governor's proposed budget, it appears that approximately \$500,000 would be cut from DEEP Hatcheries line item. That money is used to run the 3 fish hatcheries that DEEP operates in our State. With the rising operating costs, it would be difficult to keep these important facilities operating.

Outdoor recreations are a significant benefit to the people of CT as well as an economic driver.

We respectfully ask that you please consider restoring in full this important and vital operational funding to DEEP's budget.

Thank You for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Patrick Callahan
State Representative

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Tom O'Dea
State Representative

Handwritten signature of Joseph P. Gresko in black ink.

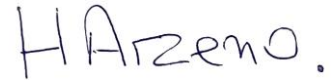
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State Representative



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State Representative



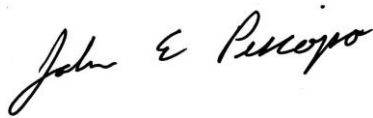
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