

Glenn,

It's important for me to be accurately represented; the use of the term "our" in your email to the committee seems to infer that your proposed language is from both of us, and it is not. I want to be clear that I have not endorsed your language, nor do I intend to. My response to you was only to provide information about the proper procedure to follow — i.e., that I was not submitting your language to the committee, you would need to do that directly.

I realize that this process may be new to you; therefore, I wanted to be clear about this for you and the committee.

Thank you.

Theresa

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Subject: H.716 language changes

Hello Government operations committee members and Representatives Wood and Stevens,

I wanted to quickly follow up after a brief communication this afternoon with Representative Wood. I had shared a link with her on Monday relative to our proposed language changes for H.716 but she had not seen it and has invited me to submit them directly to the committee.

Our concerns rest with the assignment of powers section. We believe that should this bill move forward, it is a necessity to empower the Town of Waterbury (from which the water is being diverted currently to the Village) with the ability to ratify any expansion or extraterritorial service. Removing water from an watershed requires checks and balances from an ecological perspective and the impacts are felt community wide- not just in the Village / utility district.

With our proposed changes, all expansionary decisions would be voted on only after sound ecological audits have been conducted and warned Town-wide. Our proposed changes are below for your consideration. The only delta from the version I shared with Theresa on Monday includes removing from the

language of (2) “*levy taxes upon its grand list*” per the current conversation and Representative Woods' letter conveying this issue to the committee.

Again, it was my honor to enter testimony on a bill with such potential significance- as both a citizen of Vermont, and as a Waterbury resident for over 26 years now. I thank you for your time on this matter.

Regards,
-Glenn

P.S. I would also like to correct the record to reflect the proper spelling of my last name. Unlike Attorney Anderson, my surname is spelt with an "e" ... but in the event official documents depend on these kinds of things thought I should mention herein.. :)

§ 5. POWERS(a) The District shall have the power and authority to:

(1) own, operate, maintain, improve, but not extend public water supply systems and sewerage collection, treatment, and disposal systems without Town voter ratification of 2/3 or greater, and all as provided by and with the benefit of the general laws of the State, currently existing and as may be amended and supplemented;

(2) establish rates, charges, and fees; and impose such assessments as allowed by law for any purpose for which it is authorized under this charter;

(3) hold, manage, and purchase real estate, deposits, accounts, contract rights, investments, reserve funds from the Village of Waterbury or otherwise but may not sell or prohibit public access from these assets without first being ratified by a 2/3 Town vote;

(3a) loan funds, and loan programs of the Village will be transferred into the Town of Waterbury's Conservation Commission and used exclusively for the protections of the Hunger Ravines, Thatcher Brook Headwaters and other watershed protection zones; and

(4) incur debt for the purposes of and in the manner provided by general law.

(b) Extraterritorial water and sewer service may not be provided unless water withdrawal proposals and environmental impact statements are conducted, results notified digitally and in print, and with resulting decisions only executed upon being ratified by a 2/3 Town vote.