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To: The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky
Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

From: Karen S. Straughn
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Re: Senate Bill 254 – On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems – Inspections – Licensing -
(SUPPORT)

The Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General submits the following written testimony in support of Senate Bill 254 submitted by Senator Ronald N. Young. The bill requires licensing of inspectors of on-site sewage disposal systems and establishes training and eligibility criteria. In addition, the bill provides for penalties for violations of the act or incomplete inspections in the event that the system fails within six months of the incomplete inspection.

The purchase of an on-site sewage disposal system is one of the most costly items homeowners may experience during their ownership. It is important that the homeowner can ensure that the individual doing an inspection of the system has been properly trained and licensed, and will ensure that the inspection is complete. The failure to properly inspect can result in system failures that are not only costly but also harmful to the environment. For these reasons, those who contract to do this work should be held responsible for any failure to properly complete the job.

For these reasons, we ask that the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee return a favorable report on this bill.

cc: The Honorable Ronald N. Young
Members, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

