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***STATE SENATOR CATHY OSTEN RECOGNIZED FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN PROTECTING
THE SAFETY, QUALITY AND AFFORDABILITY OF THE STATE'S DRINKING WATER***

Sen. Cathy Osten (D-Sprague) was named the Legislator of the Year for her leadership on issues affecting the quality, safety, and affordability of Connecticut's drinking water, announced the Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA).

In presenting the award, CWWA President Mark Decker of Norwich Public Utilities, said, "Sen. Osten recognizes the importance of investing in water infrastructure to ensure the availability of safe, high quality drinking water to meet the public health, safety and economic development needs of residents and businesses."

"In addition," Decker added, "Sen. Osten has worked tirelessly to address water supply issues both in the communities she serves and the state as a whole. Last session, she successfully fought against unnecessary increases in fees on water customer bills, which will help ensure that public water suppliers can continue to provide residents with drinking water at a reasonable cost."

"Sen. Osten's ability to understand and address the complex issues affecting Connecticut's public water supplies is much appreciated. Her efforts will help position Connecticut as a leader in protecting water quality by supporting investment in replacing the state's aging water infrastructure," Decker said.

On behalf of CWWA, I am honored to recognize Sen. Osten's accomplishments and present her with CWWA's Legislator of the Year award," Decker said.

The award was presented to Sen. Osten at the CWWA/CTAWWA Fall Conference held on October 23 in Plantsville, CT.

The Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA) is an association of municipal, private and regional water utilities that promotes state policies that assure reliable, high quality water supplies to protect the public health and safety.