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REP. URBAN NAMED 2015 CHAMPION BY ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

State Rep. Diana Urban (D-North Stonington, Stonington) was recognized by the state's leading environmental watchdog group, the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters (CTLCV), for being a 2015 Legislative Champion. This is the second year in a row that Rep. Urban has been recognized by the CTLCV as a Legislative Champion. Rep. Urban also received a score of 100% on the league's 2015 scorecard for her perfect record of supporting key pieces of environmental legislation this session and has earned a lifetime score of 95%.

"Thank you to the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters for naming me a 2015 champion. As Chair of the Children's Committee, I recognize that environmental issues are children's issues. We must protect our environment so that our children can enjoy clean air, a healthy Long Island Sound, and open spaces," said Rep. Urban. "This year, protecting our kids from harmful pesticides was a top priority of mine, and thankfully we were able to pass a law which bans their use on municipal playgrounds. I also continued to work on chemicals of high concern to kids. I am proud of what we were able to accomplish this session and look forward to continuing our efforts next year."

The CTLCV described Rep. Urban as a "Leader on Microbeads and Pesticides." Rep. Urban spearheaded the passage of a new law which bans the use of pesticides on municipal playgrounds. The legislation also serves to further protect children from pesticides by requiring public notification at least 24 hours prior to the emergency application of pesticides on school grounds or municipal playgrounds.

Rep. Urban also played a key role in the House passage of a bill that would have banned the import and sale of products containing plastic microbeads in Connecticut. Some cosmetics products such as facial scrubs utilize microbeads, which are small plastic components that are not biodegradable and pollute the environment. The bill later went on to be passed as part of the legislature's budget adjustments.

"Representative Diana Urban deserves our highest accolades," stated Lori Brown, CTLCV Executive Director. "Over the course of 15 years at the legislature, her effective leadership has resulted in better protections for our land, air, water, wildlife and public health in Connecticut. She has worked hard for

the environment, year after year, and we are proud to name her a **2015 Legislative Champion**. Our state is a cleaner, healthier place because of Diana Urban.”

The Connecticut League of Conservation Voters works to pass pro-environment laws, elect pro-environment candidates, and hold all elected officials accountable. CTLCV Scorecards dating back to 2000 can be found online at www.ctlcv.org.

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