



Office of First Selectman

February 17, 2009

Members of the Environmental Committee

Re: Bill HB 5272  
Bill HB 5483

Dear Members,

Please be advised that the Town of Middlefield has enjoyed a rich farming heritage which at one time seemed to be falling by the wayside. Today, we have seen an exciting return to agriculture in its many forms. Our farming community provides many direct and indirect benefits including jobs, taxes, maintenance of our open space and various goods produced. And, perhaps most important to small towns is that farms create a certain "quality of life".

In consideration of the above, I am pleased to provide this written testimony in full support of the two bills presented.

Sincerely

Jon A. Brayshaw  
First Selectman