



WINDHAM REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Chairman Coleman
Chairman Sharkey
Members of the Planning & Development Committee

March 2, 2009

**RE: Testimony for Smart Growth Legislative Package
HB 6467 - AN ACT CONCERNING SMART GROWTH AND PLANS OF CONSERVATION
AND DEVELOPMENT.**

Dear Chairman Coleman and Chairman Sharkey, and members of the Planning and Development Committee,

The Windham Region Council of Governments (WINCOG) is writing in support of legislation regarding **Smart Growth and Plans of C&D** as noted in HB 6467.

To define smart growth and require smart growth provisions in state, local and regional plans of conservation and development be consistent, will only lead to more coherent land use decisions, especially at the local level. It is also interesting to note the language in the bill refers to Regional Planning Agency's requirement to do a regional C&D (yet funding has been removed for RPA's in the governor's budget).

Thank you for your consideration in moving this bill forward.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, WINCOG

cc: WINCOG Board of Directors