



**TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD**  
Office of the First Selectman

TESTIMONY ON RAISED BILL HB #6695  
PUBLIC HEARING 3/23/09

Good Day,

I regret that my schedule does not allow me to attend today's public hearing. I am writing to support the amendment of Section 1. Section 28 of special act 07-11 as it will have a positive effect on our community and other surrounding towns.

Specifically, Section 6 would facilitate the conveyance of a parcel known as the former Walpole Woodworking site, 424 Ethan Allen Highway, or Route 7. Our State Representative, John Frey, has been working on this project for quite some time. Plans have been initiated to build a softball field on the site, and the 2.146+/- acre plot as well as the landscape of the property lends itself to such recreational use. Very little preparatory work would be required as it is already fairly level. In addition, the Route 7 location lends itself to easy access for potential field users.

Ridgefield is an active community and as such, experiences scheduling difficulties of the baseball and softball fields. This new softball field would alleviate the scheduling problem we currently experience and ease congestion in the downtown area where many fields are currently located.

I urge you to seriously consider the amendment of this bill and support its passage.

Sincerely,

Rudy Marconi  
First Selectman