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Honorable Gayle S. Slossberg, State Senator
Honorable James Field Spallone, State Representative
Chairpersons
Government Administration and Elections Committee
Room 2200, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Raised Bill 6695, "An Act Concerning the Conveyance of Certain Parcels of State Land"

The Connecticut Military Department (CTMD) opposes the passage of section 11 of Raised Bill 6695, "An Act Concerning the Conveyance of Certain Parcels of State Land," which requires --

"the state of Connecticut National Guard shall convey to the town of East Lyme a parcel of land located in the town of East Lyme, at a cost equal to the administrative costs of making such conveyance. Said parcel of land has an area of approximately 3.29 acres and is identified as Lot 216 on town of East Lyme Tax Assessor's Map 17.3. The conveyance shall be subject to the approval of the State Properties Review Board."

The CTMD, of which the Connecticut National Guard is a part, does not consent to the conveyance of this parcel of land located at our training facility (Camp Rell) in East Lyme (Niantic). This parcel is required for military operations at the training site and serves as a necessary encroachment buffer. East Lyme did not notify CTMD of their intent to acquire this parcel and has not provided any communication relative to the conveyance of this parcel. The CTMD respectfully requests the Government Administration and Elections Committee (GAE) to remove this section from the bill.

The CTMD is thankful for the GAE's support of our state military operations. The CTMD welcomes the opportunity to discuss any questions the committee may have concerning our opposition to the proposed conveyance of CTMD (state) real property or our military operations.

Sincerely,

Enclosure
RB 6695, Section 11


MATTHEW J. MARTIN
Major General
The Adjutant General

Copy Furnished:
Hon. Paul M. Fomica, 1st Selectman
Town of East Lyme

Raised Bill No. 6695

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Sec. 11. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the state of Connecticut National Guard shall convey to the town of East Lyme a parcel of land located in the town of East Lyme, at a cost equal to the administrative costs of making such conveyance. Said parcel of land has an area of approximately 3.29 acres and is identified as Lot 216 on town of East Lyme Tax Assessor's Map 17.3. The conveyance shall be subject to the approval of the State Properties Review Board.

(b) The town of East Lyme shall use said parcel of land for municipal purposes. If the town of East Lyme:

- (1) Does not use said parcel for said purposes;
- (2) Does not retain ownership of all of said parcel; or
- (3) Leases all or any portion of said parcel,

the parcel shall revert to the state of Connecticut.

(c) The State Properties Review Board shall complete its review of the conveyance of said parcel of land not later than thirty days after it receives a proposed agreement from the state of Connecticut National Guard. The land shall remain under the care and control of the state until a conveyance is made in accordance with the provisions of this section. The State Treasurer shall execute and deliver any deed or instrument necessary for a conveyance under this section, which deed or instrument shall include provisions to carry out the purposes of subsection (b) of this section. The state of Connecticut National Guard shall have the sole responsibility for all other incidents of such conveyance.