



WINDHAM REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Chaplin Columbia Coventry Hampton Lebanon Mansfield Scotland Willington Windham

Chairman Coleman
Chairman Sharkey
Members of the Planning & Development Committee

March 2, 2009

**RE: Testimony for Smart Growth Legislative Package
HB 6469 - AN ACT CONCERNING SMART GROWTH AND STATE PLANNING**

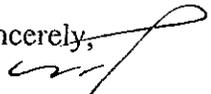
Dear Chairman Coleman and Chairman Sharkey, and members of the Planning and Development Committee,

The Windham Region Council of Governments (WINCOG) is writing in support of legislation regarding **Smart Growth and State Planning** as noted in HB 6469.

The use of University of Connecticut to conduct tax incidence, build-out analysis and geographic system mapping to provide for comprehensive planning is an excellent draw on this resource. Of particular note, is the Green Valley Institute at Uconn has already started some of this GIS mapping, and has been very helpful to the communities in Eastern Connecticut. It came about from a partnership with the Quinebaug Shetucket National Heritage Corridor.

Thank you for your consideration in moving this bill forward.

Sincerely,


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Executive Director, WINCOG

cc: WINCOG Board of Directors