

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 6466 - AN ACT CONCERNING SMART GROWTH AND PLANS OF CONSERVATION
AND DEVELOPMENT.**

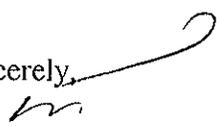
Dear Chairman Coleman and Chairman Sharkey, and members of the Planning and Development Committee,

The Windham Region Council of Governments (WINCOG) is writing in support of legislation regarding **Projects of Regional Significance** as noted in HB 6466.

To authorize regional planning organizations to establish a voluntary pre-application review process for projects of regional significance is a significant but much needed change. The pre-coordination of efforts amongst all parties will lead to a more efficient regulatory process.

Thank you for your consideration in moving this bill forward.

Sincerely,


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cc: WINCOG Board of Directors