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February 17, 2009.

To: The Honorable Members of the State Planning & Development Committee

From: Margaret Miner, Rivers Alliance, P.O. Box 1797 Litchfield, CT 06759

RE: Proposed legislation for a Land Value Tax, PSB 379 and PSB 392

Testimony in support of Land Value Taxation Proposed Bills 379 and 392.

*Rivers Alliance of Connecticut is the only statewide nonprofit dedicated to protecting and enhancing Connecticut's rivers, streams, and watersheds. We promote and support environmentally sound state policies, assist the state's many watershed and river groups, and educate the public about the importance of water conservation and aquatic habitats. We are a membership-based nonprofit corporation founded in 1992. Our 600 members include 100 organizations.*

Rivers Alliance supports the rebuilding and restoration of urban areas. We feel that land value taxation can be an important tool in achieving this goal. This approach has succeeded in helping cities around the world, while reducing development pressure on woodlands, farmland, wetlands, and riparian areas. This will improve water quality in our streams, rivers and Long Island Sound.

We strongly encourage the adoption of this legislation.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Miner  
Executive Director

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organization under  
501 (c) (3) of the  
Internal Revenue  
Code.