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Dear Co-Chairs Shlossberg, Spallone, Ranking Members McLachlan, and Hetherington and the entire Government Administration and Elections Committee Membership:

Thank you for your consideration in raising House Bill 5520, an Act Concerning Conveyance of Certain Parcels of State Land.

The conveyance bill is considered every year in order for the State to evaluate their land ownership and to make some of that land available to the municipalities and private citizens for economic gains. In selling property, the municipalities gain revenue and expand their tax base, benefiting the entire community.

The parcel of property that is of particular interest to me is contained in Section 6 of HB 5520, on Sugar Hollow Road in Danbury . It was originally acquired by the State of Connecticut for the purpose of constructing the 'Super 7' Highway project. The State has since abandoned the plans for the highway and has not redefined the land or designated it for a certain, alternative purpose. For this reason, it would be beneficial for the State to sell the property to either the municipality or a private owner so that the city may benefit from the tax revenue produced by the development of the land.

The passage of this legislation would afford me the opportunity to purchase the above mentioned property. I am willing to purchase the land at fair market value, and have the intentions of developing the land.

I ask the committee to please vote favorably on this legislation. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Ronald Farrell