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Planning and Development Committee  
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Testimony In Opposition to

SB 304 AAC State Surplus Properties

I am Martin Mador, 130 Highland Ave., Hamden, CT 06518. I am the volunteer Legislative Chair for the Sierra Club Connecticut Chapter. I hold a Masters of Environmental Management from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

This bill extends the exemption on public notice of intent to sell state properties of less than ten acres to yet another agency, DECD.

As we have come to understand, there can be significant environmental aspects to even small parcels of land. It is critically important to at least allow for public comment on any and all transfers of state property. CGS Section 4b-47 requires public notice in order to provide for such comment by the public. It also allows for agencies with relevant, such as DEP, to have an opportunity to comment on the proposed transfer. There is no compelling reason to exempt any state agency from this notice requirement.

Sierra recommends that SB 304 be amended to delete Section 4b-47 (c)(7) entirely. Such action would clearly be in the public's best interest.