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TESTIMONY SUBMITTED ON MY OWN BEHALF TO THE PUBLIC HEARING OF
THE COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT MARCH 10, 2010

HOUSE BILL 5420, AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSITION FROM THE TEN
MIL PROGRAM IN 2011.

I wish to go on record in support of this bill in that it will give owners of forest classified
under the so called 10 Mill Law to transfer their classification without penalty to the PA
490 Program.

The bill would allow this action to be taken by landowners who sell their land or donate
their land for conservation purposes between October 1, 2011 and October 1, 2011
without penalty.

I served on the Land Use Value Review Committee in the early 1970's when this window
of opportunity was originally provided. Four decades have passed since that time and it is
appropriate for a second opportunity to be provided.

The landowners with land currently under the so called 10 Mill Law have kept their land
forested for nearly 50 years and in doing so have provided numerous public benefits to
Connecticut and its citizens.

I strongly support the passage of HB 5420.

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