

To Whom it May Concern:

I have been a CT resident for most of my life and I enjoy a variety of outdoor activities -- to me it is what makes Connecticut such a great place to live -- easy access to so many great rivers and trails for recreation.

In my opinion, it would be poor public policy for the state of CT to encourage municipalities to conserve land, provide funding for that purpose, and then support policies which lead to municipalities closing their lands to recreational access due to liability concerns. I believe the more personal injury lawsuits that are brought against municipalities, the greater the risk that the municipalities will close, restrict, or decide not to open recreational lands for things I enjoy such as mt. biking, kayaking, and hiking.

I ask the General Assembly to preserve public access to municipal lands for recreational purposes by restoring to our towns the liability protection that is available to State and private landowners.

Thank you!
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