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Environment Committee
Room 3200, Legislative Office Building
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RE: Proposed ^{SB 831} ~~HB No. 5015~~

Dear Senator Meyer, Representative Roy and Environment Committee Members,

I write in strong support of the proposed amendment including municipalities, political subdivision and non-profit municipal corporations in the Connecticut Recreational Use Statute.

As an employee of the Town of Groton, I believe this change will improve citizen access to many more lands, trails and waterfront areas. Right now in Groton, we face challenges in obtaining public access to the reservoir and other unique areas. I believe that passage of the proposed language will be a significant factor in obtaining long overdue access and making it more likely that a proposed Tri-Town trail from Bluff Point State Park to Preston will become a reality.

As a resident of Waterford, and founding member of the Waterford Parks Foundation, I am very aware of the potential to increase opportunities in my own home town and in communities all over the state.

Sincerely,


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