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Joint Committee on Judiciary
Senator Eric D. Coleman, Vice Chairman
Representative Gerald M. Fox, Vice Chairman
Room 2500, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Re Bill # 5911

To the Members of the Judiciary Committee:

There is great concern amongst our local communities here in Southeastern Connecticut with regards to the placement of a residential sexual offender treatment facility in our region. The process that has gotten us to this point appears to be flawed in that there was little consideration of alternatives as well as outcomes that will impact our residents and our businesses.

This particular bill provides a process to have the placement vetted for many factors to insure that we are providing a safe facility for both the offenders as well as the many surrounding communities. By placing this issue back into the General Assembly, communities will have a greater say in how these matters are handled.

As the First Selectman in the Town of Waterford, I ask you to support this bill so that we can have an open process in regards to the siting of this type of facility. We currently utilize the Siting Council for any major installations of public utilities within our communities and it would appear this is a major installation.

Thank you for serving our State and making it a better place for all of our citizens.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Senator Andrea Stillman
Representative Betsy Ritter