

## Testimony on H.B. 6557 Before the Judiciary Committee

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My name is Sally Rieger. I live at 9 Stodmor Rd., Simsbury 06070, and I am speaking today on behalf of the Simsbury Land Trust. Simsbury Land Trust strongly supports H.B. 6557. This law, which protects municipalities from liability as long as they are not charging for use of their land and as long as they take reasonable precautions to ensure that recreational land is safe, is important to Simsbury Land Trust's trail system. Our West Mountain Trails, a five mile loop that is probably the most heavily used of our trails, provides exceptional scenic beauty along a traprock ridge and also has exceptional geologic features with educational value. A designated State Greenway, the West Mountain Trails cross town-owned land as well as Simsbury Land Trust land. Giving the Town of Simsbury the same legal protection from liability that the land trust already enjoys will help keep this well-loved loop trail open for the public to enjoy. Please support H.B. 6557.