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The Ragged Mountain Foundation is a non –profit land management and conservation group that owns and maintains Ragged Mountain in Southington CT. The Ragged Mountain Foundation (RMF) was formed specifically to help preserve access to Connecticut’s rock climbing areas and to represent the diverse interests of climbers in Connecticut.

Over the last few years climbers have seen numerous closures of climbing areas. Town and municipal agency concerns over liability have been key factors in these closures. We have already seen closures and loss of access to areas owned by the town of Meriden, New Britain Water Company, MDC, and others. These closures have had significant impact on recreational climbers, guiding services, outdoor clubs, after school outings and summer programs.

In addition to the loss of many enjoyable areas, the closures of an already limited resource have resulted in increased traffic and environmental impact on the remaining areas, including Ragged Mountain.

The Ragged Mountain Foundation, It’s members and Connecticut climbers, support extending the Recreational Use Liability law to include Towns and nonprofit municipal agencies through

- S.B. 43: AN ACT EXPANDING THE RECREATIONAL LAND USE ACT;
- S.B. 90: AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECREATIONAL LAND USE ACT;
- H.B. 5254: AN ACT EXPANDING THE RECREATIONAL LAND USE ACT.

Regards,

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