

My name is Lisa Davis, and I live at 718 Broad Street, Meriden, CT. I am an enthusiastic hiker in the hills surrounding Meriden as well as other parts of the state. As our state is so densely populated, hiking means crossing over lands owned by private landowners, nonprofits, but also, land owned by municipalities such as the City of Meriden. Trails are a wonderful resource for our state, but this resource will be of no use if it is closed down by municipalities fearful of being bankrupted by lawsuits. In this time when it is so important to encourage people to exercise and enjoy the out-of-doors, when childhood obesity is an epidemic, does it make sense to close off this opportunity for our state's citizens? As a member of the CT Forest and Park Association and the Appalachian Mountain Club, as a Connecticut resident, and as an attorney, I urge the legislature to adopt any of the bills that would restore recreational liability protection to municipalities, SB 43, SB 90 or HB 5254. Thank you.

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