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This is a letter stating my support for bills : 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.

It is extremely important to help provide protection and extend immunity to municipalities, railroads and private landowners that make land available to the public without charge, rent, fee or other commercial service for recreational purposes. This in turn will encourage more landowners to make their land available to the public for recreational purposes. You should also extend immunity to municipalities and metropolitan districts that make land available to the public without charge, rent, fee or other commercial service for recreational purposes. This in turn will encourage municipalities and metropolitan districts to continue to permit the public to enjoy recreational activities on their property by providing such municipalities and districts with immunity from certain lawsuits.

I am the Vice-President of the Prospect Land Trust. In 1994, the Prospect Land Trust (PLT) was established with its stated mission being to acquire, manage and maintain open space so that its scenic, natural and historical value can be preserved and protected in perpetuity. To date, PLT has acquired six beautiful parcels of land either through donation or conveyance that comprise just over 73 acres; College Farms (5.4), Kathan Woods (17.3), Luke Street Wetlands (31.3), Raudis Farm (6.5), Royal Crest (8.9), and Summit Heights (3.7). These properties serve as sanctuaries where people can walk, watch birds and animals, or just sit and enjoy the peace and solitude of undisturbed nature. By preserving these open spaces, PLT seeks to enhance our community's character, safeguard vital water sources and protect important habitats.

PLT routinely provides opportunities for the community to enjoy the great outdoors. We not only use PLT properties for activities but also utilized Regional Water Authority Properties, The Town of Prospect local parks and private property owners. Without proper protection from liabilities I am afraid that we will find areas closed to us and the public.

Thank You for the opportunity to voice my support for these bills and please vote "Yes" to restore recreational liability protection.

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