



TO: Planning & Development Committee  
FROM: Brian Sear, Canterbury First Selectman  
RE: HB-6411, AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY WAYS IN WHICH TO  
PROVIDE MUNICIPAL MANDATE RELIEF  
DATE: March 21, 2010

Dear Committee Members:

I strongly support passage of HB-6411. Connecticut is far too small a State for there to be a disconnect between those that formulate and manage budgets and services at the local level and those that legislate at the state level. While the perspectives of each of these parties may be different, the goal is ultimately the same: to provide the most economical and effective services and policies to our residents. Establishment of a formal task force would move this discussion from the current general free for all, with misunderstanding on both sides and a little partisan politics thrown in, to a disciplined, scientific study of what is the most effective balance between mandates and the freedom of Towns and Cities to deliver services.

I am very interested in serving on the proposed task force, and would provide a valuable perspective of a highly effective and cost-effective small Town.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brian Sear  
Canterbury First Selectman