

I strongly support proposed S.B. 43, S.B. 90 and H.B. 5254 which would restore recreational liability protection and immunity to municipalities, railroads, quasi-public agencies, and metropolitan districts under the Recreational Land Use Act. All three bills encourage these entities to permit the public to enjoy recreational activities on their property without the threat of certain lawsuits. It also encourages more landowners to make their land available to the public for recreational purposes. This immunity is vital to ensuring future access opportunities on municipal open space and properties for the public .

As a member of The Ashford Conservation Commission , a member of the South Windsor Open Space Task Force, and as Director of Public Works for the Town of South Windsor I know that these bills speak to the heart of public access and public use of municipal properties. Without this protection the public's ability to access "their" properties could be in jeopardy in the future.

Please do what makes sense--Support these bills. Thank you.

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