

Testimony Before the Commerce Committee

Regarding
**HOUSE BILL 5465, AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S
REGULATORY AND PERMITTING PROCESS**

Submitted by
Mr. and Mrs. Ted van de Kamp
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To the attention of the Commerce Committee

Dear Sir or Madame;

I am firmly opposed to bill HB 5465, a bill I believe that is a threat to CT environmental protection laws. The automatic approval of any permits upon which DEEP has not issued a decision in 90 days is a terrible idea which means that the understaffed agency will often not have time to do the necessary research on potentially harmful projects.

If we do not protect the regulations that protect our environment we are open and vulnerable to seriously dangerous proposals from commercial or other greedy developers who want to turn every green and open area for a profit at the expense of our communities and the health of our residents.

You are the "Commerce Committee" but I beg you not to weaken our environmental protection laws to gain commercial profits that destroy the beauty and health of our state.

REJECT HB 5465

Thank you.

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