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Bill 5262 AN ACT PRESERVING CERTAIN HORSE TRAILS

Dear Honorable Environment Committee Chairman and Members:

This email is to inform you that I am in favor of **H.B. No. 5262 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION OF CERTAIN TRAILS AND AREAS FOR EQUINE USE**. Purpose: To preserve certain areas as horse trails. Testimony for this bill is to be heard this coming Friday, March 2, 2012.

As Chairperson for the Trails Committee of the CT Horse Council (CHC) that represents trail riding equestrians throughout the state, we would like to see Bill 5262 passed in order to help preserve trails that have historically been used by horses.

Over the past 25 years we have seen the loss of trails due to development and existing trails paved. Unfortunately many decisions are made without the knowledge of the horse community and trails are lost at an alarming rate.

Trail riders do their part in maintaining trails throughout the state through the CHC Volunteer Horse Patrol Program (CHC-VHP), which started under the auspices of DEEP and expanded to other land management agencies..

Since 2003, the CHC-VHP has provided over 16,029 patrol hours, 3612 trail maintenance hours saving CT taxpayers over \$ 312,655.00.

Please support and pass bill **H.B. No. 5262**.

Thank you

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