

Environment Committee Public Hearing
Friday, March 16, 2012
10:00 AM in Room 2B of the LOB

**SB 376 AN ACT CONCERNING THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT ACT AND
SHORELINE FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURES.**

I am unable to attend the public hearing, however, I would like to testify in favor of S.B. No. 376 AN ACT CONCERNING THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT ACT AND SHORELINE FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURES. This bill will clarify the right of property owners to construct shoreline flood and erosion control structures.

As a shoreline, beach front resident, who had property damage from Tropical Storm Irene, I would like the option to protect my property from rising tides and to build a seawall or add sand to replenish the beach. The precedent of adding sand to replenish the beach for me was set in 1957, when New Haven Harbor was dredged and the sand was pumped on to the properties in my community. The cost was borne by the residents and this action saved my property. Since that time my house was rebuilt to FEMA standards. The ability to add sand or construct a sea wall today will allow the property to survive another 50 to 60 years.

Thank You

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