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Representative Richard Roy
LOB Room 3201
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Re: H.B. 5127

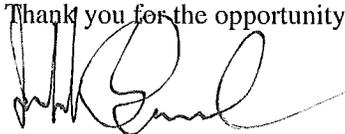
Dear Representative Roy,

I am writing in support of H.B. No. 5127 (Raised) An Act defining the High Tide Line for the tidal, coastal and navigable waters of the State.

Being a Licensed Land Surveyor since 1999 and having worked in surveying since 1977 along the coastal waters of Connecticut for many clients involved in all types of waterfront development from private docks to public marinas, dredging projects, bulkheading, barge terminals and shore front restoration projects affected by the somewhat subjective, and at times arbitrary, interpretation of the High Tide Line by analysts working for the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) I feel that the proposed legislation is long overdue and will assist the Consultants, Clients and Government Agencies in determining which projects will require DEEP construction permitting. This Bill in no way diminishes the DEEP oversight on coastal projects as most coastal projects are subject to the Coastal Area Management (CAM) review which requires the project to be submitted to DEEP for review for compliance with the CAM policies.

Having had personal experience with shoreline projects in close proximity to one another done at different times requiring plans to be submitted to DEEP the High Tide Line was established by the different DEEP analysts at substantial differing vertical and horizontal positions. As you can imagine this creates many questions from clients as to why their project requires a different level of permitting than that of their neighbor with essentially the same field conditions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input in support of the proposed bill.



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