



# WINDHAM REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Chaplin Columbia Coventry Hampton Lebanon Mansfield Scotland Willington Windham

Chairman Coleman  
Chairman Fox  
Members of the Judiciary Committee

March 27, 2012

RE: Testimony for S.B. 445: AN ACT CONCERNING LIABILITY FOR THE  
RECREATIONAL USE OF LAND.

Dear Chairman Coleman and Chairman Fox,  
and members of the Judiciary Committee,

The Windham Region Council of Governments (WINCOG) is writing to oppose legislation contained in SB 445.

We supported last years legislation (P.L. 11-211) that returned **liability protection to Municipalities**. SB 445 now seeks to remove that protection for boardwalks, public beaches, and paved sidewalks. These areas are broadly defined, and essentially negate much of the protection gained in PL 11-211.

WINCOG, along with many other RPO's, Towns, The CT Forest and Park Association, COST and numerous other groups, is asking the General Assembly to not unravel the gains made from last year's legislation to keep municipal recreational lands open.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark N. Paquette  
Executive Director, WINCOG

cc: WINCOG Board of Directors