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Judiciary Committee:

Citizens for the Protection of Public Lands (CPPL) wishes to go on record as being opposed to S.B. 445. This is a step backward in protecting our citizen's rights to use our precious public lands. Removing the protections provided in last year's bill will only succeed in reducing access to public recreation lands by forcing towns and other protectors of public open space and recreation lands to consider closing them to protect them from liability issues and frivolous lawsuits.

These "new" conditions would make just about any parcel of open space vulnerable to a suit. Just about every developed park in our town and every neighboring town has some sort of a boardwalk, beach or sidewalk, or something that in its broadest definition could be called the same.

Please do not reverse the gains made last year to keep municipal recreation lands open. CPPL asks that S.B. 445 be voted down.

Sincerely,

Rob Smith for CPPL