

Written Testimony
Town of Montville
Councilor William Caron

On

State Bill No. 517 AN ACT CONCERNING SENIOR SAFETY ZONES

February 4, 2013

To Our State Legislation and Members of the Committee on Aging,

This is written testimony for support of S.B. No 517. **AN ACT CONCERNING SENIOR SAFETY ZONES.** We need to establish laws that protect our seniors the same way we protect our children, two of our most vulnerable populations, and this is a great starting point. Establishing boundaries for Senior Centers, Elderly Communities, and congregate areas is essential to their safety.

I supported the past BILL No.517 and had worked closely with Senior Edith Prague to bring forth a Bill in 2011 to keep our elderly population safe from sex offenders. We worked very hard on this issue as the safety and needs of our elderly are paramount. State Bill No. 517 being introduced is important not only to our senior citizens in the Town of Montville but to all of our elderly living in the State of Connecticut. I have been involved in numerous projects for the senior citizens of Montville and Southeastern Connecticut for several years and I have listened to their concerns. We currently have laws that are geared toward protecting our children from sex offenders and other criminal elements from being within a certain distance from our school and other child safety zones, and as predators are not always selective in their choice of victims, and as senior citizens are often preyed upon for their vulnerability, I urge your support of this current Bill which will help keep our senior citizens safe.

I strongly believe in taking the measures needed for the safety and wellbeing of our elderly population. The Montville Senior Center is an extremely active Center which offers a multitude of services for one of our most vulnerable populations. I am sure this is the case across our State. They should also be safe havens for those very same individuals. Please consider supporting **SB No. 517, AN ACT CONCERNING SENIOR SAFETY ZONES.** Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

