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**From:** Caught <qual1cah@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 18, 2013 8:46 PM  
**To:** AppropriationTestimony  
**Subject:** Connecticut State Parks and Forests

Dear Honorable comittitee,

I am communicating with you to express my sincere support in keeping our state parks and forests open, available and adequately staffed for the safety, well being of the parks and the people visiting them. These places are Connecticut's treasures, a very important part of our heritage and our natural resources. I am a frequent visitor to several of Connecticut's state parks and always enjoy my positive recreational activities I participate in and my resting, relaxing and just communing with nature time. I am an avid outdoor enthusiast who enjoys hiking, fishing, kayaking, camping, walking, and learning photography in our beautiful, scenic state parks. I also enjoy meeting new people, making new friends and interacting with the very helpful, kind, dedicated staff at all the parks I visit during the summer. I enjoy camping immensely and have seen the the dedication and regard of the state park staff, I have witnessed, on numerous occasions, their sincere regard for the campers and park visitors safety and well being. I must commend their dedication as well as their devotion to keeping the natural areas safe from harm, vandalism and senseless destruction.

I strongly support the preservation of our beautiful State parks and forests, as well as their continuing availability to everyone in this state and others who may be visiting Connecticut from other locations. Part of the Connecticut tourism industry, which supports many local small businesses, is based on the many visitors, campers and enjoyer's of our great state parks! Keep them open and adequately staffed.

Sincerely

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