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Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 10:22 PM
To: AppropriationTestimony
Cc: ehammerling@ctwoodlands.org; Scott Rouleau; OIA - David Weinstein; Christopher Licata - Congressman Larson's Office
Subject: Re: Your State Parks and Forests Need You (2/20)

Dear Members of the Connecticut Conservation & Development Appropriations Subcommittee,

I regret that I am unable to attend the public hearing Wednesday evening, 2/20, and am writing to request that you do not make any cuts to our State parks budget funding or any other initiatives that would negatively impact opportunities for people to recreate in Connecticut. While the great outdoors is near and dear to my heart personally, the reality is that the National Outdoor Recreation Economy is a significant contributor to the health of our nation's economy, as well as the health and well being of individuals.

Nationally, outdoor recreation contributes \$646 billion in consumer spending, and accounts for more than 6 million direct jobs. Connecticut is responsible for \$6.9 billion of that consumer spending, 70,600 jobs, \$2.2 billion in wages and salaries, and \$502 million in state and local tax revenue, all associated with the outdoors. We must not do anything to erode the outdoor recreation economy in Connecticut. Healthy, active lifestyles improve our quality of life, as well as our State and Nation's economic well being.

You can find details of the positive economic impact of outdoor recreation in the report recently published by the Outdoor Industry Association. The report is available at: <http://www.outdoorindustry.org/advocacy/recreation/economy.html>.

The mission of Morsel Munk is to motivate, and equip, people of all ages to exercise mind and body, and be young at heart. We continually empower and equip our customers to enjoy the great outdoors in many ways, from mud obstacle course runs to snowshoeing to stand up paddleboarding, and much more. We have introduced numerous people to the great outdoors, with much of the activity occurring at State parks. None of us at Morsel Munk can imagine the negative impact should easy access - for everyone - be made unavailable.

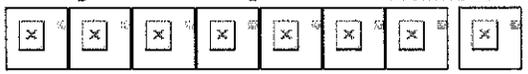
Christopher, I ask that you make this information available to Congressman Larson. While the immediate urgency is at the State level, I don't want to lose sight of the National agenda.

Sincerely,

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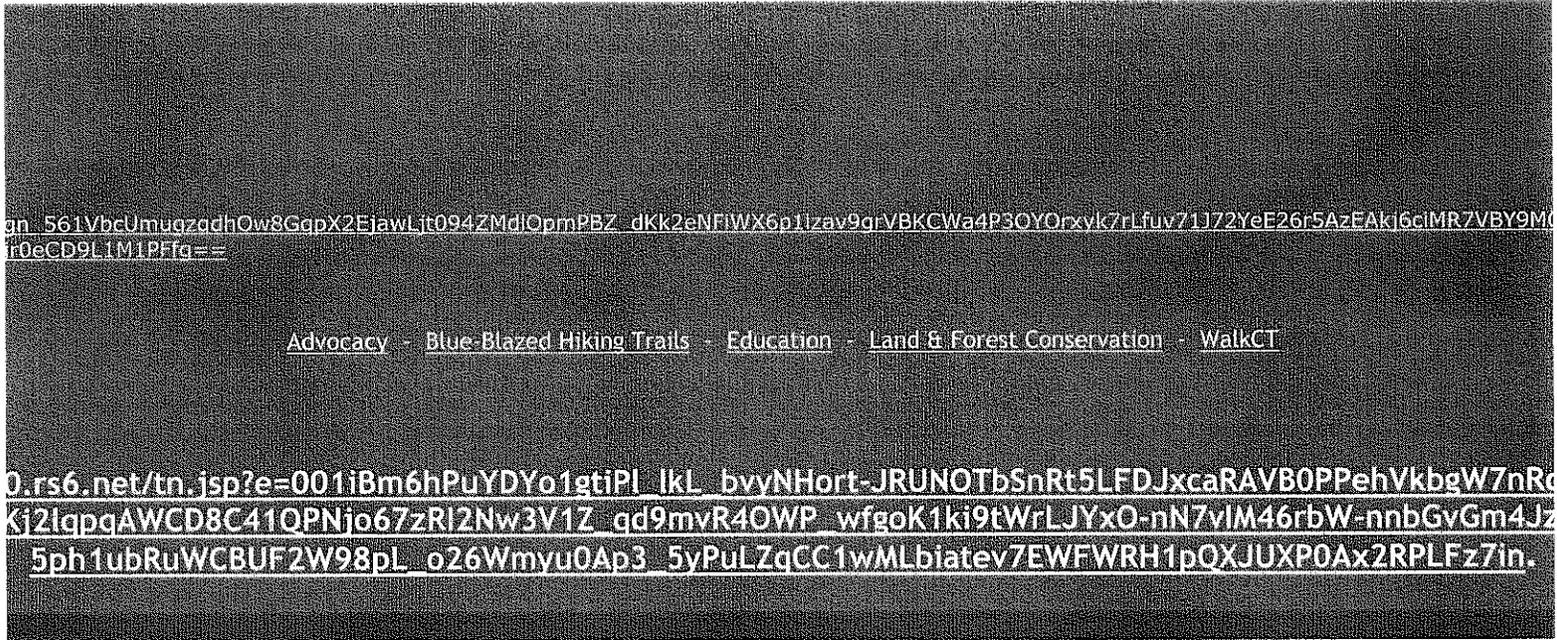
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\$10 million in bonding for acquiring open space/recreation lands as well as \$10 million in bonding to supp community Investment Act. The budget proposes diverting \$4 million/year from the CIA to the Healthy Foods e, agricultural lands/dairy farmers, affordable housing, and historic preservation.

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