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Legislation before the Senate Environment Committee	Support/Oppose
RAISED S. B. 1015: AN ACT CONCERNING THE NEW ENGLAND NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL	No Position

Co-Chairs and Members of the Environment Committee,

On behalf of the National Park Service, I am submitting testimony about Raised Bill No. 1015, An Act Concerning the New England National Scenic Trail. It is worth noting that Connecticut is one of very few states to host two national scenic trails and one national historic trail.

The bill is consistent with Public Law 111-11 which designated the New England Trail as a national scenic trail in 2009, and with the Trail's Management Blueprint which provides the framework for the Trail's overall operation and management. The bill recognizes the New England National Scenic Trail in the same manner as the Appalachian National Scenic Trail and provides for the same rights and obligations concerning it.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill, and I am glad to respond to any questions you may have.