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To: The Committee on Government Administration and Elections
From: David M. Brown, Executive Director, Middlesex Land Trust
For: Public Hearing, March 25, 2013
RE: Bill 6672 AAC The Conveyance of Certain Parcels of State Land
Testimony in Support

Dear Sen. Anthony Musto and Rep. Ed Jutila, Chairmen, and Honored Members of the Committee:

The Middlesex Land Trust strongly supports **Bill 6672 and the intent of Section Six** to permanently protect the reservoirs and watersheds located on the property of the Connecticut Valley Hospital through the grant of a Conservation Easement to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

The Middlesex Land Trust is particularly concerned about the vulnerability of these important and precious resources. Should this property be left unprotected they would surely come under intense economic development pressure to the great detriment of the people of Connecticut. The protection of this prime open space must be ensured.

This beautiful and critical landscape, located within the area known as Maromas, is not only an important source of clean water (perhaps the most important natural resource for the future), but is also important for wildlife and the environment as one of the largest forest blocks in the region. It is also one of the most beautiful areas of Middletown, and many would say in the state. We strongly support the effort to protect this irreplaceable land with a Conservation Easement.

The Middlesex Land Trust is a membership supported conservation organization serving Northern Middlesex County, with a service area of over 95,000 people or about 39,000 households. The land trust's mission is to preserve and protect open space, important landscapes and other critical natural resources in Northern Middlesex County, and to ensure that they remain open for the enjoyment and benefit of future generations.