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Testimony

In Support of Proposed Bill 6672 An Act Concerning the Conveyance of Certain Parcels of State Land

Government Administration and Elections Committee

March 25, 2013

Honorable Co-Chairs Senator Musto and Representative Jutila, Honorable Vice-Chairs Senator Meyer and Representative Lesser, Ranking Members Senator McLachlan and Representative Hwang, and my fellow distinguished members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee:

I am writing in strong support of HB 6672, An Act Concerning the Conveyance of Certain Parcels of State Land.

Section seven of HB 6672 conveys Cubeta Stadium from the State of Connecticut to the City of Stamford. Cubeta Stadium is an institution in Stamford and has long been home to several baseball leagues, including Babe Ruth, American Legion, 19 and Over, and 30 and Over baseball leagues. Cubeta also hosts State and National Tournaments. Stamford owes much of her rich history in sports to the memorable games played at Cubeta. Before beginning their professional careers, Stamford native Bobby Valentine and Norwalk native Mo Vaughn played in Cubeta as

members of the Stamford Twilight League. There were even thoughts of Cubeta Stadium being home to a minor league team.

Cubeta Stadium is located within Stamford's Scalzi Park. Scalzi provides the residents of Stamford with softball fields, Little League fields, a skate park, tennis courts, handball courts, and bocce courts. There is even open space for outdoor concerts. The regular scheduled upkeep and maintenance of all these venues, including Cubeta Stadium, has been and continues to be normal operating procedure by the City of Stamford. Conveying Cubeta to the City is simply providing proper ownership to the longstanding responsible and accountable party.

Stamford is excited that J. M. Wright Technical High School is on schedule to reopen in the fall of 2014. The City fully understands and is committed to ensuring Cubeta Stadium is available to J. M. Wright's inter-scholastic baseball program and to any and all of J. M. Wright's special events, including graduation commencement exercises. The time-honored strong relationship that has existed between the City of Stamford and J. M. Wright Technical High School will remain.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on HB 6672, and I ask you please give this important land conveyance bill your full support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael L. Molgano". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael L. Molgano
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