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**Written**  
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To: Honorable Committee Members

From: Katchen Coley

Re: HB 6672, Section 6

I am writing in strong support of the inclusion in this land conveyance Bill of the beautiful reservoirs at Connecticut Valley Hospital (CVH) in Middletown. It would give the easement on these scenic areas to the Ct. Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection

(DEEP) where the preservation of publicly-owned natural resources properly belongs.

A group of us in Middletown has long worried about what would happen to these important water resources and their surrounding scenic shores if the State ever decided to sell. After seeing the threats to the environment proposed by various would-be developers after Norwich Hospital was shed by the State, we feared that some day in the future these important CVH lands might suffer the same fate. They are not only important as a source of drinking water, but they are the most beautiful areas of Middletown, and no doubt would be the desirable site for future MacMansions.

Although there is no threat to them at the present time, their protection must be ensured. Since the DEEP has been charged by the Assembly with the oversight of Connecticut's most important natural resources and scenic areas, it is proper that this Bill will place easements on the reservoirs under that agency.

I therefore ask you to support HB 6672, Section 6 when you consider it Monday.