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Judiciary Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 2500  
Hartford, CT 06106

To the Co-Chairs and Members,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify on behalf of House Bill 6637, *An Act Concerning the Discontinuance of Highways and Private Ways by Municipalities*.

My constituents Vincent and Teri Savalle own a promising piece of land in my district that is undevelopable due to certain property law proceedings. They have no public road access - nor right-of-way access to the land - and therefore they are prohibited from establishing utility connections. This circumstance is ultimately the result of a court case ruling that interpreted into the context of the Town of Lebanon's intentions when closing a road many decades ago.

House Bill 6637 offers a future remedy to landowners who have title to property under ambiguous legal circumstances. The legislation normalizes the process of road discontinuance, updating terms to modern language and creating notification standards on such an action. The bill therefore codifies what should be a good policy to begin with.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda Orange".

Rep. Linda Orange  
Deputy Speaker of the House