



TOWN OF SOUTHBURY

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Arthur J. O'Neill
Representative 69th District

RE: Testimony in support of H.B. 6542

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AN AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON THE LANDS OF THE SOUTHBURY TRAINING SCHOOL

Dear Representative O'Neill:

The town of Southbury's Plans of Conservation and Development have historically stressed the importance of conserving "remaining working farms as productive and economic farm units" and to "give priority to land that preserves farmland". The 2012 Plan specifically speaks of the Southbury Training School as follows:

"ensure that the future use of the land and buildings at the Southbury Training School will..... preserve the site's agricultural and natural and historic resources." The Plan also extends the Town's goal of preserving open space which is enthusiastically supported by the residents. The proposed legislation is consistent with these goals and we appreciate your support of the proposed legislation.

Thank you.

Edward W. Gore, Jr.
Chairman,
Southbury Planning Commission