

To Whom It May Concern

Re; HB 6542 ~ An Act Concerning the Preservation of Farmland at the Southbury Training School

I urge the approval of this act and the permanent protection of some 800-900 acres of farmland at the Southbury Training School. This acreage is contiguous to 117 acres protected by the Roxbury Land Trust and acreage already protected by the Southbury Land Trust. It is critically important to the quality of life of our communities and wildlife habitats to preserve permanently connected, unfragmented blocks of land. It is also vitally important to our communities that farmland be protected and be utilized for the production of locally grown and sold produce, fruit, eggs, livestock, cider, wine et al.

Thank you, Susan Payne



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