

Submitted to the Environment Committee

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I am in support of H.B. No 5415, State of CT purchase of rights-of-way and easements along the Air Line Trail. The Air Line trail in Portland will be a contributor to many leisure activities for the residents of not just Portland but to others in Middlesex County. It has the long term potential of connecting seventeen miles of the Air Line Trail, the ability to bring in additional visitors to Portland and surrounding towns, a way of connecting the Portland Riverside Park and the Brownstone Exploration Park to other areas and businesses of Portland. The ability of the Air Line Trail to connect to other towns on the east side of the CT River is important, but long term it can also connect to Middletown and to towns/cities west of the river. I believe regionalization and partnering with other localities will be very important to meeting long term goals, while keeping costs in perspective.

I would appreciate the Committee supporting H.B. 5415.

Respectfully submitted,

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