

Dear Committee Members

I am writing today in support of Raised Bill 70 which would amend Section 23-8 of the Connecticut General Statutes in an effort to better protect the open space lands of the State. As a member of the New Hartford Land Conservation Trust and former Town Planner for the Town of Farmington, I believe that forest, agricultural and park lands of the State should be maintained as conservation land in almost all cases. I believe that this bill would do so while still permitting as the exception of the rule a conveyance when it is demonstrably in the best interest of the public to do so.

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