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Dear CT General Assembly:

I realize that this comment is several hours late; however, I have a life threatening illness, so the deadline slipped by me. Further, I learned of Bill 5550 late last week since you posted a notice only on 3/11, and your public comment period is less than one week long. Thus, I hope you will extend the comment period and accept this into the record, or at least consider the content.

I am writing as the secretary of Citizens Concerned about Rt. 202 (CAR), based in Litchfield, concerning Bill 5550. Last fall, our executive committee obtained the signatures of 169 Litchfield residents of voting age (attached) opposed to a town land conveyance that most residents knew nothing about, due to the Board of Selectmen's failure to notify the town as per CGS 7-163. The conveyance took place in 2008 but most of the public did not learn about it until Dec. 2013, when a housing development was proposed on the former town land.

In July 2013, the governor signed Validation Act 13-23, which includes Sec. 10 relating to Litchfield's '08 conveyance. Section 10 was apparently written and inserted by Rep. Craig Miner at the request of First Selectman Leo Paul, the man responsible for the illegal '08 notification. A "notwithstanding" clause in Sec. 10 includes two state statutes this section overrides, thus absolving Mr. Paul of responsibility for his illegal action. In the fall, he and his lawyers used Sec. 10 to further override a clause approved in the land transfer that could allow title to revert to the town.

The Litchfield public was never informed about said Validation Act until fall 2013, so the public was denied its right to make comment, likewise denying our constitutional right to free speech, petition and due process.

The state should never have passed this Validation Act without public comment, and when CAR wrote to the state legislators and executives responsible about this situation (see email below), we got **not one** response.

CAR is opposed to any and all legislation containing "notwithstanding" clauses that nullify previous legislation. Further, CAR is opposed to any Conveyance Act, including this one, that denies citizens the right to make comment re: conveyances and contains notwithstanding clauses that may impact us detrimentally.

Currently, we see a dysfunctional system that keeps citizens in the dark regarding public land conveyances. The fact that you are giving the public less than one week for Bill 5550's public comment period is a case in point. I am including my previous email to the state regarding the conveyance issue in Litchfield, along with two related documents. We at CAR hope you will end these "notwithstanding" clauses and start notifying the affected communities immediately. Otherwise, there may be serious consequences due to denial of citizens' constitutional rights and potential adverse environmental impacts.

Sincerely,

Betsy Glassman
Secretary, CAR
Litchfield, CT 06759

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Subject: Validation Act 13-23 Sec. 10 repeal, investigation needed

Date: 10/31/13 05:22:02 PM

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Dear State Officials:

Attached please find a letter dated today 10/31/13, concerning the subject Validation Act 13-23 Section 10 and need to repeal it, and Litchfield officials who got this act passed in order to validate a municipal land transfer involving apparent illegal public notification, lack of due process and disenfranchisement of voters. Our group, Citizens Concerned about Rt. 202 (CAR), believes it sets a bad example for the State of CT to validate a controversial municipal action that denied the public's right to be notified according to CGS 7-163, resulting in disenfranchisement. Further, we were not informed about the Validation Act, there was no hearing in Litchfield and the public could make no comment without knowing about the VA Section 10. Thus, we further ask the state to investigate questions of legality, constitutionality and due process as outlined in the letter.

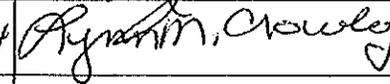
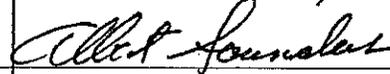
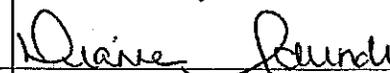
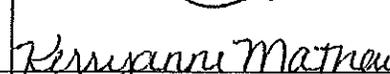
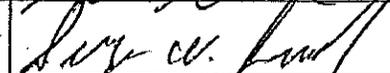
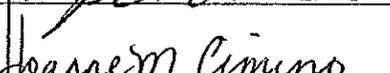
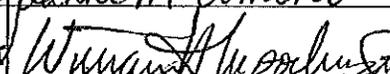
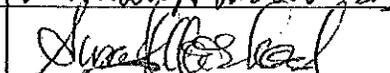
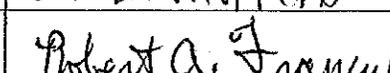
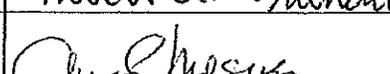
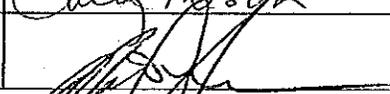
In addition, attached is our earlier letter to the Litchfield Boards of Selectmen and Finance (BOS/BOF) dated 9/24/13, along with the signature pages containing names of 169 Litchfield signatories of voting age. This letter gives information about the 2008 land transfer and notification statute that was not followed by First Selectman Leo Paul or the BOS.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Betsy Glassman
Secretary, CAR
38 Tapping Reeve Dr.
Litchfield, CT 06759
860-689-4868

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Betsy Glassman		38 Tapping Reeve, Litchfield
Lynn M. Crowley		464 Torrington Rd Litchfield
Peter F. Crowley		464 TORRINGTON Rd Litchfield CT
ALBERT SAUNDERS		477 TORRINGTON Rd Litchfield CT
Dianne Saunders		477 Torrington rd Litchfield CT
Kerryanne Mathews		222 Wheeler Rd Litchfield, CT
Gary Mathews		222 Wheeler Rd Litchfield, CT
DAVID SAMAL		29 TOWN FARM RD. LITCHFIELD, CT. 06759
SERGE W SAMAL		43 TOWN FARM RD LITCHFIELD, CT
Ralph Cimino		209 Town Farm Rd Litchfield CT
Joanne Cimino		209 TOWN FARM RD Litchfield CT
William H. Moorhead		486 Torrington Rd, Litchfield, CT
Susanna J. Moorhead		486 Torrington Rd, Litchfield
John Endicott		156 Milton Rd. Litchfield ^{CT}
Robert A. Franculli		426 Torrington Rd. Litchfield
Cheryl Nelson		458 Torrington Rd, Litchfield
Matthew Saccama		60 Wilson Rd. Litchfield

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Keely Reed	Keely Reed	546 Torrington Rd Litchfield, CT 06759
Meghan E. Secor	Meghan E. Secor	562 Torrington Road Litchfield, CT 06759
Brady McDonald	Brady McDonald	556 Torrington Rd Litchfield, CT 06759
Michelle Garnish	Michelle Garnish	526 Torrington Rd Litchfield, CT 06759
Lauren Koonz	Lauren Koonz	526 Torrington Rd Litchfield, CT 06759
David Garnish	David Garnish	526 Torrington Rd Litchfield, CT 06759
KENNETH BEALE	Kenneth Beale	522 Torrington Road Litchfield, CT 06759
LINDA BEALE	Linda Beale	522 Torrington Road Litchfield, CT 06759
Craig Zordan	Craig Zordan	62 Wilson Rd Litchfield CT 06759
DIANE KILZER	Diane Kilzer	124 OLD FORGE HOLLOW RD. BANTAM, CT 06750
ROBERT KILZER	Robert Kilzer	124 OLD FORGE HOLLOW RD. BANTAM, CT 06750
R. J. Fourn	R. J. Fourn	66334 Torrington Rd Litchfield, CT 06759
K. Falkner	KATHY FALKNER	371 Torrington Rd Litchfield
Peter Quintard	Peter Quintard	362 Torrington Rd
KATHRYN Quintard	Kathryn Quintard	362 Torrington Rd Litchfield, CT 06759
Patrick McElhone	Pat McElhone	353 Torrington Rd
Jessica Bullard	Jessica Bullard	353 Torrington Rd Litchfield CT, 06759
Cheryl Koser Lapointe	Cheryl Koser Lapointe	367 Torrington Rd Litchfield, CT 06759
Kim DePiano	Kim DePiano	530 Torrington Rd Litchfield, CT 06759

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Matthew Magaldi	Matthew Magaldi	160 Fern Ave. Litchfield, CT
Charles Ketz	Charles Ketz	293 Torrington Rd, Litchfield, CT
Pete J. Ottesea	Peter J. Ottesea	337 Torrington, RD. " "
Pamela R. Siddall	Pamela R. Siddall	337 Torrington Rd Litch. CT
Alina Peera	Alina Peera	571 Torrington Rd Litch. CT
Eugene Pfister	Eugene Pfister	96 Hart Dr
Walter J. Hermann	Walter J. Hermann	101 Hart Dr, Litchfield, CT.
THOMAS DENNIS WILLIAMS	Thomas Dennis Williams	56 BRUSH HILL ROAD, LITCHFIELD
Barbara Bertoli	Barbara Bertoli	115
WESTON T. SMALL	Weston T. Small	16 Bertoli Dr, Litchfield
Janet Small	Janet Small	16 Bertoli Dr. Litchfield
Saverio J. Sileno	Saverio J. Sileno	12 Bertoli Drive Litchfield CT
Vivian M. Sileno	Vivian M. Sileno	12 Bertoli Drive Litch. Ct.
Shirley Gros	Shirley A. Gros	555 Torrington Rd.
NOE/ Artacho	Noe Artacho	20 Wilson rd.
Ashley Smith	Ashley Smith	22A Wilson Rd
Paige James	Paige James	22 Wilson Rd

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Ernest Betters	Ernest Betters	510 Torrington Rd Litchfield CT 06759
Claudia Betters	Claudia Betters	510 Torrington Rd Litchfield, CT 06759
Allen Gillette	Allen Gillette	502 Torrington Rd. Litchfield, CT 06759
Patricia Andersen	Patricia Andersen	502 Torrington Rd Litchfield
Judith Ehman-Shapiro	Judith Ehman-Shapiro	478B Torrington Rd. Litchfield
Barbara Stillman	Barbara Stillman	478-A Torrington Rd Litchfield
Jeffrey M. Summa	Jeffrey M. Summa	48 Meadow St. Litchfield, CT
Beth Bickford	Beth Bickford	226 Fern Ave. Litchfield
ROSS B. ADKINS'	ROSS B. Adkins	231 FERN AVE LITCHFIELD
Susan M. Adkins	Susan M. Adkins	231 Fern Ave, Litchfield
Virian C Adkins	Virian C Adkins	237 Fern Ave. Litchfield
Raymond H. Adkins	Raymond H. Adkins	237 Fern Ave Litchfield
Barbara Lanthier	Barbara Lanthier	420 Torrington Rd Litch:
J. Edward Ducei	J. Edward Ducei	366 Torrington Road 06759
Jon Marie Andersson	Jon Marie Andersson	376 Torrington Road
JOHN ANDERSON	John Anderson	376 TORRINGTON ROAD
Heidi Allison	Heidi Allison	375 Torrington rd 06759
James Fischer	James Fischer	72 Whitehall Rd., Litchfield

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Domenico DePaola		530 Torrington Rd Litchfield, CT
Michael Dava		40 Wilson Rd
Margaret Gray		40 Wilson Rd
Gwen Burgess		48 Wilson Rd
Deborah Smith		56 Wilson Rd
Megan Eddes		
Andrew Graves		58 Wilson Rd.
Charlotte Graves		58 Wilson Rd.
MICHAEL TRUSZ		64 Wilson Rd.
Sondra Trusz		64 Wilson Rd.
Samie Arber		501 Torrington Rd
Emily Arber		501 Torrington Rd
John Gardella		535 Torrington Rd
Dorothy Wilusz		11 Toll Gate Rd
Jim Moore		17 Toll Gate Rd.
Patricia Moore		17 Toll Gate Rd.
Ryan Odden		339 Torrington Rd

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Joe Gustafson	Joseph Gustafson	30 Ethan Allen DR
Rebecca O'born	Rebecca O'born	26 Sally Burr Rd. S. Rd.
FRANK RANDAZZO	Frank Randazzo	30 Sally Burr Rd.
Jean Randazzo	Jean Randazzo	30 Sally Burr Rd.
NANCY LEE	Nancy Lee	31 Sally Burr Rd.
Brian Wasik	Brian Wasik	7 Sally Burr Rd.
Heather Varga	Heather Varga	7 Sally Burr Rd.
STEVEN O'Neill	Steven O'Neill	6 Ethan Allen Drive
Patti O'Neill	Patti O'Neill	6 Ethan Allen Drive
Carie Grustas	Carie Grustas	13 Ethan Allen Dr.
BRYAN S. GRUSTAS	Bryan S. Grustas	13 Ethan Allen Dr.
DAVID LAPORTE	David Laporte	367 Torrington Rd.
Ken Corbo	Ken Corbo	223 Fern Ave.
Bryan Howard	Bryan Howard	243 Fern Ave.
GERTRUDE O'Sullivan	Gertrude O'Sullivan	412 Torrington Rd.
Angela Morzella	Angela Morzella	443 Torrington Rd.
JoAnn Gardella	JoAnn Gardella	535 Torrington Rd.

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Terra Gardella (17 yr old)	Terra Gardella	535 Torrington Rd.
Adam Swendsen	Adam Swendsen	339 Torrington Rd. Fl 2
Jim Nivolo	James J. Nivolo	74 Wilson Rd, Litchfield Ct.
Geraldine E Nivolo	Geraldine Nivolo	74 Wilson Rd Litchfield Ct
Jesse A Nivolo	Jesse A Nivolo	74 Wilson Rd Litchfield Ct
Joe Avallone	Joe Avallone	296 Torrington Rd
John Tomick	John Tomick	319 Torrington Rd.
Leonard S. Deacon	Leonard S. Deacon	323 Torrington Rd
Lois Peters	Lois Peters	313 Torrington Rd.
Donna M Battistoni	Donna M Battistoni	11 Battistoni Dr.
John A Battistoni	John A Battistoni	11 Battistoni Dr.
Barbara Battistoni	Barbara Battistoni	16 Battistoni Dr.
Vinnie Battistoni	Vincent Battistoni	16 Battistoni Dr.
Theodore Brouillard	THEODORE BROUILLARD	513 TORRINGTON RD
Marie Duwan	Marie Duwan	11 Tollgate Road
Stephen Wilusz	Steph Wilusz	11 Tollgate Rd.
Keith Berti	Keith Berti	492 Torrington Rd.
Blossy Fischer	Blossy Fischer	33 Woodruff Lane.
Mayra Chell	Mayra Chell	209 Norfolk Rd

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Joseph Oskward	Joseph Oskward	578 Torrington Rd Litchfield
JULIA OSKWARD	Julia Oskward	578 Torrington Rd Litchfield Ct.
Jordan Redente	Jordan Redente	688 Torrington Road, Litchfield, CT
James Montefeltri	James Montefeltri	97 Hart Dr, Litchfield CT
Carlos Gutierrez	Carlos Gutierrez	33 Woodruff Ct. Apt.#8 Litchfield
Sarai Gutierrez	Sarai Gutierrez	33 Woodruff Ct. Apt.#8 Litchfield
MIKE DOWR	Mike Down	87 Hart Dr. Litchfield, CT
Carly Kennedy	Carly Kennedy	94 McBride Rd. Litchfield, CT.
SANTO VINCIGLI	Santo Vincigli	85 1/2 Hart Dr Litchfield
DAVID HILL	David Hill	80 Hart Dr, Litchfield, CT
Susan Hill	Susan Hill	80 Hart Dr., Litchfield, CT
GEORGE THIBAULT	George Thibault	79 HART DR. LITCHFIELD CT
Dence Longley	Dence Longley	13 Hart Dr - Litchfield, CT
Russ Langley	Russ Langley	" " " "
Paul Brown Jr	Paul C Brown Jr	109 Hart Dr. Litchfield CT
Daun Braun	Daun Braun	109 Hart Dr. Litchfield CT
DAVID B. BODLEY	David B Bodley	70 HART DR, LITCHFIELD CT

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JEFF J HORVATH		31 WEST LANE
Martha Fish		549 Milton Rd
Faye Preston		114 North Street
Beth Adelr		45 Weldon St
PAUL THOMSON		WASHINGTON, CT
Lewis Koamnn		Litchfield, CT
Ellen Eberle		466 Torrington Rd. Litchfield, CT
Ed Cotler		Goshen, CT
Tara Smith		36 Wilson Rd. Litchfield
Eva Bodley		10 Hart Drive, Litchfield, Ct.
Jim Downs		78 HART DR. - LITCHFIELD CT
Arlene Downs		78 Hart Dr. Litchfield, Ct
LINDA GORDON		82 Hart Dr Litchfield 06759
PATRICK GORDON		82 HART DR. LITCHFIELD, CT
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ANDREW DOWELL	Andrew Dowell	4 Rensselaer Rd Litchfield
Shelley King	Shelley King	1505 Bantam Road
Adrian V. Lillis	ADRIAN V LILLIS SR	1160 BANTAM RD BIRM CT
David Vincenzi		
David Vincenzi	David Vincenzi	37 SPENCER ST Litchfield
Wanna McCarthy	Wanna McCarthy	91 Prospect Mt Rd
Christopher McCarthy	Christopher McCarthy	91 Prospect Mt Rd
Corey Saunders	Corey Saunders	477 Torrington Rd Litchfield CT
Susan Jordan	Susan Jordan	54 Norfolk Road, Litchfield, CT
Luann Mulken	Luann Mulken	262 MILTON RD Litchfield CT
Deborah SchAAF	Deborah SchAAF	9 Hurley St Litchfield
Leo SASS	L. B. S.	44 SPENCER ST. LITCHFIELD
K. Horgan	Karen Horgan	68 Prospect Mt Rd Bantam
Michael Horgan	Michael Horgan	68 Prospect Mt Rd Bantam
Jane Smith-Vaniz	J. Smith-V.	7 Gallows Ln., Litchfield CT

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10/31/13

Re: Substitute for Raised H.B. No. 6672, Special Act 13-23 (Validation Act), Litchfield Section 10

Dear Attorney General Jepsen, Governor Malloy and State Officials:

On 10/18/13 and earlier this year, I was in contact with the AG's office and others re: apparent violations of CGS 7-163e by Litchfield First Selectman Leo Paul and the 2008 Board of Selectmen (BOS). The violations concerned inadequate notification of a 2008 public hearing to transfer town open space to the Litchfield Housing Trust (LHT). The poorly attended hearing that resulted on 4/15/08 occurred without most of the Litchfield public knowing for nearly five years. Valuable town land of high biodiversity significance, harboring a state-listed rare species, was given away for one dollar for development. Our Litchfield-based group, Citizens Concerned about Rt. 202 (CAR), has provided information to the public and your offices since early January when we first learned details.

State of CT Validation Act 13-23, 2013, Sec. 10

Recently, we learned of Validation Act (VA) 13-23. We believe that our State Representative Craig Miner (R), probably working with First Selectman Paul (R), the individual most responsible for the 2008 violations, had Sec. 10 inserted in the VA, which was signed by the governor on 7/12/13. Text here:

Sec. 10. (Effective from passage) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 2-14 and 7-163e of the general statutes, the vote of the town of Litchfield board of selectmen [BOS] at the meeting held on January 15, 2008, approving the transfer of 12.66 acres on Torrington Road to the Litchfield Housing Trust, Inc., otherwise valid except for the failure of said board of selectmen to conduct a public hearing on such transfer and to publish and post notice of the public hearing, is validated. All acts, votes and proceedings of the officers of the town of Litchfield pertaining to or taken in reliance on said transfer are validated and effective as of the date taken.

I put the "notwithstanding" and "except" clauses in bold. CAR opposes "notwithstanding" two state statutes---we believe these statutes should not have been overridden just because Rep. Miner and First Selectman Paul wanted to. The Town of Litchfield was not notified, not informed, there was no hearing, we had no opportunity to comment, and we knew nothing about VA's Sec. 10 until one week ago on 10/21/13, when Mr. Paul mentioned the VA at a Board of Finance (BOF) meeting. Further, validation acts have been subject to questions of constitutionality. The 1998 CT Law Revision Commission did an analysis of some state constitutional provisions under which a validating act such as Litchfield's might be deemed unconstitutional. See: <http://www.cga.ct.gov/lrc/ValidatingActs/CondensedRpt.htm>

In addition, Sec. 10 states the land transfer is valid except for the "failure" of the BOS concerning the notice and public hearing. Said "failure" involved illegal public notification resulting in the transfer of town land at a hearing that few attended except for 28 supporters of the transfer, who somehow knew what the rest of the public didn't, i.e. the hearing date and the reason for it. First Selectman Paul made an end run around CGS 7-163e and now has moved to the state level, apparently via Rep. Miner, to get this statute overridden and ensure that the improperly notified land transfer is validated. We believe it sets a bad precedent for the State of Connecticut to validate an illegally noticed, controversial municipal decision that denied the public both due process and the right to vote.

Further, Sec. 10 states the BOS failed to conduct a public hearing on the transfer. This is incorrect. A hearing was conducted in 2008 but only 32 people showed up; the scant number was due to the violations of CGS 7-163e and dearth of public information about the transfer prior to the hearing.

Public Disenfranchisement and Lack of Due Process = Unconstitutional

Of 32 Litchfield residents who attended the 2008 land transfer hearing, 28 voted for the transfer and 4 voted against. We wonder how this vote was so skewed in favor of the transfer when the public was so little informed. We surmise that Mr. Paul and/or LHT's attorney, Mike Rybak, who is also the town attorney, informed LHT about the hearing privately. CAR believes the general public was treated unfairly and unequally, denied due process, and disenfranchised from discussion, debate and voting on this matter. We further believe that, in giving away valuable town open space while providing inadequate public notification, Leo Paul and the '08 BOS conducted a hearing and vote that were unconstitutional.

Leo Paul Uses Validation Act to Ignore CAR's Complaints

At a 10/21/13 Litchfield BOF meeting, Mr. Paul used the VA to proclaim the land transfer is validated by the state so CAR's complaints are not worth discussing. He did not mention the "except for the failure" or "notwithstanding" clauses; however, we believe the "failure," including the fact CGS 7-163e was not followed, is serious enough to nullify the 2008 land transfer.

Attached is our letter to the BOF and BOS dated 9/24/13 giving details of events and the record, with 169 signatures from Litchfield residents of voting age also attached. CAR obtained these signatures in just ten days. We could get more, but hopefully you get the picture that the Litchfield public is very interested in this matter, as well as good governance and protecting open space, surface water quality and current well water supplies on Torrington Rd. This particular open space has been managed by the Town of Litchfield for several decades as a natural area and again, is of high biodiversity significance. Residents of Torrington are also interested since the subject property is located near the Torrington town line.

Due to issues of constitutionality, due process, BOS violations of CGS 7-163e, "notwithstanding" clauses overriding state laws, incorrect information contained in Sec. 10 and other issues contained herein, we request that the legislature repeal Sec. 10. We further ask that Attorney General Jepsen investigate the 2008 Litchfield hearing and notification violations, and provide a ruling on the "notwithstanding" and "failure of BOS" statements specifically and Sec. 10 generally. We also ask you to consider the.

unconstitutionality of VA's in CT since they allow just a few people to override acts of the legislature and deny due process because the public is not notified and cannot make comment.

We ask DEEP to look into the high probability that rare species will be wiped out on the subject property due to its development. We ask DECD to hold or refuse all funding for a housing development on this open space unless/until these matters are settled.

Finally, on Nov. 5 the BOS has a meeting scheduled during which they plan to have an attorney present to discuss CAR's letter to the BOS and the land transfer. We expect the attorney will confirm the transfer due to the VA's Sec. 10. CAR requests that your offices contact the BOS stating Sec. 10 is being examined for possible repeal and that investigation is commencing into the matters outlined herein. The first selectman's email is paul@townoflitchfield.org and phone is 860-567-7550; fax is 860-567-7552.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

Sincerely,

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