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From: Cate Rauch <caterauch@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 1:11 PM
To: GAETestimony
Subject: Re: I am writing to oppose this year's Conveyance Act (HB 6998).

I forgot to include my name and address

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On Sun, Mar 15, 2015 at 1:00 PM, Cate Rauch <caterauch@gmail.com> wrote:

I am writing to oppose this year's Conveyance Act (HB 6998).

Connecticut needs more public access to shorelines and open spaces and certainly should not give away public lands. Public lands are a key part of CT's beautiful and enjoyable outdoors which are one of the big attractions for residents and visitors.

Please protect the public by removing provisions to give away land owned by CT residents. I oppose the proposals for Silver Sands (Section 3) and for the Centennial Watershed Forest (Section 8) and any other reductions in the public lands or access to them.

Please remove Section 3 to give away 4+ acres of Silver Sands State Park to the town of Milford for the price of \$0. All of the state's residents should have equal access to Silver Sands. Milford enjoys many economic and community benefits by having Silver Sands in their town. Millions of dollars of state funds have been invested in work at the Park over the past few years. Please remove Milford's attempts to take away land from CT residents for their own town's purposes.

Please remove Section 8 to give away over 100 acres of the Centennial Watershed Forest to the town of Fairfield for \$0. The land should not be given away to one town. The partners who manage the land [Nature Conservancy, DEEP and Aquarion] are apparently not even aware of this. The town of Fairfield should not be given open space land that belongs to all of CT residents.