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From: Dave Rauch <daverauch203@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2015 1:10 PM
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Subject: Re: This email is 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 12:54 PM, Dave Rauch <daverauch203@gmail.com> wrote:

This email is to oppose this year's Conveyance Act (HB 6998).

Natural beauty and outdoor recreation are important aspects of Connecticut's appeal to residents and visitors. Protecting public lands and access by the public is very important. We need to increase public access to shorelines and open spaces and certainly should not give away public lands.

I oppose the proposals for Silver Sands (Section 3) and for the Centennial Watershed Forest (Section 8). I also oppose 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. Silver Sands belongs to state's residents and has been benefited from millions of dollars of rehabilitation work utilizing state funds over the past few years. Milford enjoys many economic and social benefits by having Silver Sands in their town. Milford's attempts to take away land from CT residents for the special purposes of their town should be rejected.

Please remove Section 8 to give away over 100 acres of the Centennial Watershed Forest to the town of Fairfield for \$0. The Nature Conservancy who works in partnership with DEEP and Aquarion on the land management of the Centennial Watershed Forest does a great service to CT residents and is apparently not even aware of this. The town of Fairfield should not be given open space land that belongs to all of CT residents.