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Cc: Rep. Fox, Dan
Subject: HB 6998:

Hello All:

I would like to add my voice to the opposition of transferring state lands At Silver Sands to Milford and Centennial Forest to Fairfield.

In my experience local municipalities have little to no experience nor budgets to protect these lands.

If anything the lands become paved over for local parking or fenced off for permit only activities like baseball.

Woodlands are degraded by unenforced] off leash ordinances, and the environment is slowly degraded.

No transfers should go forward without a lockbox line item to sustain this property in its natural state. That line item should never be cut and it should be tied to municipal employees salaries to allow for inflation.

In the event this cannot be done I suggest turning the property over to a local or state land trust which has stewardship of such properties as a primary function.

Sincerely
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