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I am writing in opposition to two parts of the Conveyance Act, HB6998. The provision in Section 3 that would give part of the state park property at Silver Sands Beach to the Town of Milford is indefensible. The citizens of Milford enjoy the same access to that state park as do other state residents. Taxpayers statewide have built the improvements there and otherwise funded the park's maintenance. For a part of it to be hived off for the exclusive use of Milford residents cannot be accepted. The Section 8 provision transferring a substantial part of the Centennial Watershed Forest to the town of Fairfield is similarly inexplicable. That scheme seems to have come out of nowhere, but nowhere is where it belongs. The fact that the state is experiencing some budget problems is not an excuse for permitting individual municipalities to loot assets to which all state citizens should have access. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Donald F. Rieger, Jr., Simsbury