

Testimony in Support of HB 6998, Section 15

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND

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Government Administration and Elections Committee

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As Economic Development Director for the Town of Killingly, I submit this testimony in support of House Bill 6998. Killingly is one of the eight (8) towns along Interstate 395, in the northeastern part of the State, that are designated the Eastern Connecticut Enterprise Corridor authorized by the General Assembly in 1994. This designation demonstrates the legislature's intent to focus on business development as a priority for our community and this entire area.

I support HB 6998 to convey the granting of an easement across land owned by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). The parcel is identified as 60 Beatrice Avenue, Map ID 000248 on the Town's Geographic Information System, also known as Map 269 Lot 21.

As the Economic Development Director, my focus is business expansion and development. An easement across the DEEP owned land would provide access for the abutting parcel in Killingly owned by Ernest Joly & Sons, Inc., located at 56 Beatrice Avenue and an adjacent landlocked parcel in the Town of Plainfield. In Killingly, the land under discussion is surrounded by land that is owned and being used for Light Industrial uses. The abutters are Ernest Joly & Sons, Inc., Drock Trucking Realty, LLC and Leslie and Wayne Jolley (Jolley Concrete). This easement for their use will assist these local businesses to realize expansion opportunities. This land also abuts the Town's Quinebaug River Trail and could be used for the extension of the trail to Plainfield.

Your support and approval is appreciated.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony on behalf of the Economic Development Office in Killingly. Please contact me anytime at 860.779.5342 or by email: ebisset@killinglyct.org