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Il am writing this testimony regarding Conveyance Act (HB6998) being held Monday March 16th 2015.

MY focus is on Section 3 and Section 8. Both of which concern valuable State Property for all State Residents to enjoy EQUALLY!

First of all Section 3, regarding Silver Sands State Park, Milford Ct

Over the past few years Millions of Dollars of State Funds have been utilized for rehabilitation work at Silver Sands State Park, for ALL to enjoy.

There are plans for future work and when completed there will be a parking charge at the park.

There are currently 22 State Parks charging parking fees. 18 parks charge \$9 for residents and \$15 dollars for non residents. There are 4 State Parks similar to Silver Sands that charge \$13 for residents , and \$22 for non residents. Also 3 State Forests with fees for day use.

There is not one State Park that allows the town residents to park for free!!!!

Why should Milford, a city of many beaches, be allowed to park for free? Walnut Beach, which is owned by the city of Milford is adjacent to Silver Sands. Free parking for residents , but a charge to non residents.

All State Parks are maintained with State Funds for all to enjoy. Facilities and grounds need to be maintained. Which they are Beautifully. Many offer services of lifeguards , nature centers and public safety.

The more revenue collected from parking fees, the more we can fund our Beautiful State Parks.

Silver Sands is a Wildlife Sanctuary that should be protected at all costs! Once property is given away , anything can be done with it.

Concerning Section 8

Why would you allow a town to control 100 acres of property currently part of the Centennial Watershed Forest?

Once you sign over the property the town would be in control of it's destiny. Could easily turn into a Forest of Cell towers.

LET'S KEEP ALL VALUABLE STATE PROPERTY OF ALL STATE RESIDENTS TO ENJOY EQUALLY!!!!!!

You only get ONE CHANCE to preserve open space!

Thank you.

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