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Testimony in support of HB6998, Section 15
Submitted by Rand Joly, President, Ernest Joly & Sons, Inc.
Government Administration and Elections Committee

March 16, 2015

Good afternoon, Chairman and Members of the GAE Committee. My name is Rand Joly. I am President of Ernest Joly & Sons, Inc. Ernest Joly & Sons, Inc. is a small family owned and operated sand and gravel company, located in Killingly, Connecticut. I am a third generation owner and we have been operating in the same location for over sixty (60) years.

We ask our support of HB6998. Specifically Section 15 relating to the granting of a temporary easement to Basley Road Materials.

Over the past sixty (60) years we have depleted all of our on-site resources vital to the production of our products. Access to other properties that are appropriate for gravel excavation has become very limited in our area. Being able to work with Basley Road Materials and gaining access to any potential raw materials is vital for our abilities to continue to operate as a business. Not only will these materials allow our company to operate, it could also allow us to expand our potential sales.

Ernest Joly & Sons, Inc. has twelve (12) employees who rely on our operation to maintain their financial independence. Without your support of granting this temporary easement, our Business as well as our employees' lively-hood is most likely to end within the next two (2) years.

In closing, we are hoping that your support of HB6998, specifically Section 15, will help us to continue a family tradition that has gone on for over sixty (60) years.

Sincerely,

Rand Joly, President