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RE: HB 6998

To: Government Administration and Elections Committee:

I'm writing in favor of House Bill 6998, specifically, the granting of licenses to StrategicCommercial Realty Inc., doing business as Rawson Materials.

My name is Victoria Robinson. Along with my husband, Ernest Lewis, we own approximately 30 acres of land located in the town of Canterbury, Connecticut. This land is located behind our house site, located at 215 Wauregan Road. Rawson requires this license as part of its effort to establish a haul road over a portion of our 30-acre parcel and other adjacent sites.

To state it plainly, our lives were severely disrupted by the ongoing traffic along Wauregan Road that commenced soon after Hurricane Sandy. I do not fault Rawson in this regard, for it was seeking to help those whose communities were destroyed by the Sandy disaster, it needed the fill in order to do so. However, the increase in traffic from haul trucks on Wauregan Road resulted in the following:

1. Safety concerns as my children could not ride a bicycle along the road or play in the road;
2. The ongoing stress to our family as a result of having trucks passed by continuously throughout the day for a long period of time, and the loss of privacy that this brought;
3. Significant increase in noise and dust. Our house is located 16 feet from the edge of the road and being an antique residence, it is rather invasive to have large trucks hauling material down the road;
4. Safety concerns as traffic passing the large trucks is an issue on a narrow country road.

A potential solution to this problem was found: A portion of our rear land, along with a portion of other adjacent sites located far from the main road would be combined and used for the haul road. This would help to eliminate the situation described above. Licenses from the state of Connecticut would be required, along with conveyances and other conditions described in the bill.

I believe there is a strong public policy in favor of restoring quiet and safety to residential neighborhoods. By granting these licenses, this not only contributes

to a successful business enterprise for Rawson, but also would contribute to a return of normalcy, which is so badly needed.

I hope that house Bill 6998 will become law, and the needed licenses will be granted in a timely manner,

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Victoria Robinson