

To: Members of (GAE) Committee of the General Assembly

RE: HB 6998 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF STATE LAND

Ladies and Gentlemen:

My name is Wayne LaFramboise, owner of LaFramboise Sand & Stone, Inc. I am 59 years old and my family has lived in Canterbury, CT since 1916. My family started out as vegetable and dairy farmers. In 1989, I started an aggregate and trucking company to help supplement the dairy business up until 1994 when the dairy was resolved due to dropping prices in the dairy market. By 1995, the aggregate became a full time business expanding into a washing and separation operation. In the year 2000, we started crushing stone as well, making LaFramboise Sand & Stone, Inc. a manufacturer of sand and stone. LaFramboise Sand & Stone, Inc. has always been a family business which my two sons, Dan and Duane have been a part of since the business started. At its peak, LaFramboise Sand & Stone, Inc. employed 10 full time employees and various subcontractors.

On December 23, 2011, we entered into a processing and trucking agreement with, Strategic Commercial Realty Inc., d/b/a Rawson Materials to process materials exclusively for them. By February 2012, we received a cease and desist order from the Town of Canterbury. That started a very lengthy period of lawsuits, court and meetings. Finally in 2014 a settlement agreement was signed between the Town of Canterbury, Strategic Commercial Realty Inc., d/b/a Rawson Materials and LaFramboise Sand & Stone, Inc. This now brings us here before you to testify to the importance of your granting the bill HB 6998.

- LaFramboise Sand & Stone, Inc. has been financially crippled since February 2012 with significant loss of income due to lawsuits and restrictions that are still in place to this day.
- Since 2012, I have had health issues brought on by stress due to all this fighting with the town as well as the concern that we could end up losing our agreement with Strategic Commercial Realty Inc., d/b/a Rawson Materials due to all the problems with the town zoning restrictions.
- My sons and their families depend on LaFramboise Sand & Stone, Inc. for their well being and futures as well as my grandchildren who are just starting to look into college.

- My employees as well depend on LaFramboise Sand & Stone, Inc. to support them and their families. Unfortunately due to all we have lost as a company we now only have four employees left.

I hope that you understand the importance of you granting the conveyance requests in HB 6998. My future, the future of my business as well as the future of my family and employees is all depending on your decision here today.

Respectfully,

Wayne LaFramboise
President/Owner
LaFramboise Sand & Stone, Inc.
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