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Government Administration and Elections Committee
Public Testimony
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Testimony in Support of HB 6998 An Act Concerning the Conveyance of Certain Parcels of State Land.

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Cassano, Representative Jutila; Vice-Chairs Senator Gerratana, Representative Steinberg; Ranking Members Senator McLachlan, Representative Smith and esteemed members of the committee.

I submit testimony in favor of HB 6998 An Act Concerning the Conveyance of Certain Parcels of State Land, specifically Section 14 concerning land to be conveyed to Strategic Commercial Realty, Inc. d/b/a Rawson Materials and LaFramboise Sand & Stone, which is based in my district. The project they envision would remove much of their truck traffic from the public roads in Canterbury and Brooklyn and onto proposed gravel bypass drive located between Wauregan Road and the Quinebaug River in the Town of Canterbury.

By following the proposed route, the operators of the two mining and processing operations would be resolving numerous legal and logistical issues which have caused significant frustration and expense to the operations, the Town of Canterbury and the neighboring landowners for years.

This will allow the operators to expand their production and increase both employment opportunities and tax revenues in a part of Connecticut hard hit by job losses and business closures. At the same time, the project would greatly decrease the operations' functional footprint on the public roads, thus significantly reducing wear and tear on the roads, and increasing the safety and comfort of the local residents. As a bonus to Connecticut's public lands, the operators would be donating three valuable parcels of undeveloped land which appear uniquely suited for open space, wildlife management and other nature preservation purposes, without cost to the state.

By all appearances, this project is a win/win for everyone. I hope your thoughtful consideration of this project recognizes its multi-faceted value, as have the many which would reap its long-term benefits.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Dubitsky", written over a horizontal line.

Doug Dubitsky
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