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Senator Cassano, Representative Jutila, and distinguished members of Government Administration and Elections,

I ask for your consideration in regards to a portion of the conveyance bill. Section III of House Bill 6998, in its entirety of An Act Concerning the Conveyance of Certain Parcels of Land, I find to be objectionable, and I am in opposition to it.

This would convey several pieces of Silver Sands State Park, totaling four and a half acres, to Milford for a town parking lot and "other considerations." The Mayor had previously asked the State to consider this, and the answer was no. This is an end around of sorts, a way to tuck this in with other conveyances--most of which may be rightfully designated surplus land, like a discontinued right of way.

Silver Sands is an intact park, which is not large to begin with, and is not surplus land. It is a well-used vibrant piece of rocky and sandy shore, a haven for shorebirds and waterfowl, and most typically used for passive recreation. It is one of the few undeveloped natural shore pieces in Connecticut. Our Department of Energy and Environmental Protection invested funds into after serious storms for repair and public enhancement. To have a portion of this conveyed to create a municipal parking is a bad idea. For us to make a place set aside for ecology and citizen enjoyment developed like this would set a bad precedent. We need to be better stewards of our commonly held land. I ask you to remove this particular conveyance from the overall bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip Miller".

Representative Philip Miller, 36th District.