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HB 7012 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPALITY'S AUTHORITY TO REGULATE THE
CONSTRUCTION OF FENCES AND THE PLANTING OF TREES AND SHRUBS

Dear Chairmen Coleman and Tong and Ranking Members Kissel and Rebimbas, and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee,

We are writing in support of Bill HB 7012, an Act Concerning Municipality's Authority to Regulate the Construction of Fences and the Planting of Trees and Shrubs. This has actually happened to us.

We bought a house in Rhode Island with a sea view, and in a few years we will have no sea view at all. Our adjacent neighbor has willingly and knowingly planted 60+ Large Arbor Vitae Trees in front of our sea view. When they are fully grown, they will completely block our sea view towering at about 30 feet each.

We are devastated and scared because when these huge plantings are fully grown, they will also have devalued our property by about 40 %. They will have completely closed our beautiful view of the sea.

We do not want to take away our neighbor's rights, nor do we want him to take away our rights to keep our sea view. We would ask that any trees or shrubs be kept at a reasonable 10 feet.

We would encourage the Judiciary Committee to act on this Bill HB 7012 so that this will never happen to anyone else.

We are grateful for your consideration of this Bill HB 7012 to help people keep their rights.

Thank you,

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