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- 2) Section 8 of the Conveyance Act would convey over 100 acres of the Centennial Watershed Forest to the town of Fairfield for \$0.

Millions of tax payer dollars have already been invested in the in this beautiful beach for the benefit of all CT citizens. The parking lot would only be for Milford residents. This limits the current benefit of the Park. CT needs to preserve all of Silver Sands Park as part of our protected environment. CT's tourist attractiveness is its landscape. We need tourist dollars that our environmental attractiveness generates. This reminds me of a Joanie Mitchell song "take paradise turn it into a parking lot"...make a tree museum charge a dollar and a half just to see 'em."

In a time of scare water that is getting more scare every year why would the Assembly turn over 100 acres of the Centennial Watershed Forest to the town of Fairfield for zero dollars. This is the pinnacle of short term thinking. Right CT citizens enjoy maintained trails and nature at its best. Once again, do we want to destroy how we generate tourist dollars, CT and otherwise. Dollar for dollar the preservation of nature is in the interest CT's economy.

Why was this proposal formulated without even consulting those organizations that would know the most about the impact of such a proposal, i.e., DEEP, the Aquarion Water Company and the Nature Conservancy. We do CT taxpayers fund DEEP if it is not permitted to do its job.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Vizoyan, CT taxpayer

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