

Mr. Albis and Mr. Kennedy:

I write to strongly support House Bill 5150.

Unnecessary and environmentally devastating tree removal has affected a number of areas near my Hamden neighborhood. I strongly urge the passage of this bill in order to more thoughtfully and carefully regulate the process of tree removal via greater oversight by town tree wardens, the legislature and DEEP. I would add that required DOT reports should not just be submitted, but approval required before any work is done! Utilities should also be held accountable for proper cleanup when trees are removed.

While this bill doesn't go as far as I would hope to protect healthy, mature trees in my historic, tree-lined neighborhood as well as other parts of our cities and towns, it's a start. I strongly urge support of House Bill 5150.

Sincerely,
Kathy Czepiel
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