

All remaining open spaces in CT as well as throughout the country should be preserved and protected, why? ... For my 6 year old daughter and all other children. 2/18/2016

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today as a greatly concerned CT resident, who has witnessed first-hand the decimation of our trees that once enhanced not only the beauty of our New England roadsides but quite literally do the quiet and unappreciated job of cleaning our air from tons of carbon emitting cars, preserving the soil from water erosion, providing sound barriers from traffic noise, and providing shade from the glaring hot sun. With apparent abandon of common sense and true planning, I have watched major portions of our once tree-lined roads become clear-cut barren swaths of stumps and woodchip piles. Gorgeous and healthy trees, that took decades to grow to their full magnificence, living far from any portion of a road to be considered hazardous to anyone, are chopped down in a second of ignorance and brutality, all in the name of "public safety". While simply feet away from this once healthy tree stands numerous half dead trees, strangled in bittersweet vines, left by those same "public safety" crews, to fall unimpeded into the road or onto nearby wires. I see this type of absurd and heart wrenching work all around my once lovely CT towns. I am disgusted and saddened to have had no power to stop this policy. It is up to you, as the Environmental Committee, to stand up and do something to ameliorate the situation from its' destructive practices before it's too late. I implore you to support of legislation that would protect those healthy trees by clarifying and improving tree-cutting laws in Connecticut.

For the sake of our health and our children's heritage,

Thank you,

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