

March 11, 2016
Environment Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 3200
Hartford, CT 06106

Testimony in SUPPORT for H.B. No. 5584 (An Act Concerning the Establishment of a Kayak Launch at Sunrise State Park for Persons with Handicaps)

Dear Members of the Environment Committee,

I wish to express my SUPPORT for Proposed Bill H.B. No. 5584 which seeks to establish a kayak launch on the Salmon River at the Sunrise State Park.

I have been a kayaker for 17 years and have enjoyed paddling up this section of the Salmon River. Many other kayakers/canoers also stop on the beach at this spot to take a break and have lunch. The only public place to launch from is several miles south of this area at the Salmon River boat Launch in East Haddam which can get very busy especially on a nice summer day.

Kayaking/canoeing is a great physical activity and low impact. Making it accessible to handicapped persons is a really good idea.

I urge you to vote YES on this proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

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