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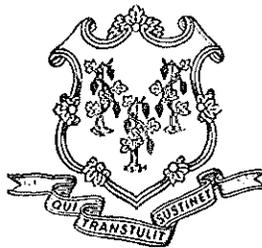
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In **Support** of HB 5619

An Act Conveying Certain Parcels of State Land
and Requiring a Study of Certain State Real Property

Chairman Cassano, Chairman Jutila and Honorable Members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, thank you for hearing HB 5619. My name is Cathy Osten and I represent the 19th Senate district in Connecticut. I am here to testify in support of HB 5619, An Act Conveying Certain Parcels of State Land and Requiring a Study of Certain State Real Property.

Specifically, I want to thank the committee for including in Section 1 of the bill, the Town of Franklin's request for the conveyance of a 1.04 acre parcel of land currently owned by the state Department of Transportation, located between Sodom Road and Route 32 in Franklin. It is my understanding that the Town intends to preserve this parcel of land as open space. I would also like to point out that there are no costs to the State of Connecticut associated with this conveyance. In addition, this conveyance provides the Town with access to upgrade their underground infrastructure, namely sewer and water lines along Route 32, should any upgrade or repair be needed in the future.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in **support of Section 1 of House Bill 5619**. I look forward to working with the leadership and members of this committee on this bill's passage.