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Senator Coleman, Representative Tong and members of the Judiciary Committee, \\\

Raised Bill No. 144 –AN ACT CONCERNING LAND THAT IS SUBJECT TO A CONSERVATION RESTRICTION HELD BY A NONPROFIT LAND-HOLDING ORGANIZATION.

The Connecticut Farm Bureau opposes RB No. 144 because in our mind it weakens protections against adverse possession claims that exist under existing law. Currently, if a nonprofit land-holding organization holds fee ownership of land or a conservation restriction the land is protected from being taken through adverse possession. RB No. 144 would change that protection by allowing adverse possession claims on the fee ownership which would still be subject to the conservation restriction held by the nonprofit land-holding organization. The Connecticut Farm Bureau sees this as a step backwards and we do not see any benefit to changing existing law to allow adverse possession claims in these cases.