

**Letter Testimony of  
Garry Brumback, Town Manager  
Town of Southington for  
Public Health Committee  
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Dear Members of the Public Health Committee,

I am submitting this letter to testify in support of Senate Bill 300 which would allow Tilcon to expand their quarry operation in the Town of Plainville on property owned by the New Britain Water Company. This legislation, if approved, would benefit three communities – namely – New Britain, Southington and Plainville.

The benefits to the three communities would include Tilcon transferring a total of 275 acres for permanent open space designation. This acreage would be forever protected from any future development. In Southington the open space would significantly enhance our Crescent Lake Park with additional trails and open space.

In addition, Tilcon currently has authorization to conduct their quarry activity within 300 feet of existing homes. Under the proposed plan, Tilcon would forgo this area for future quarry operation and move it further away from existing homes. The buffer created would be more than three times the distance that is currently allowed – namely - a minimum of 1,000 feet.

Finally, when the quarrying has been completed, a new clean water reservoir will be created which will benefit the City of New Britain and the surrounding communities as well. In the end all of the land would revert back to a Class I and Class II status.

In conclusion Senate Bill 300 is a win-win for the economy, the future water sources of the region, the Town of Southington, and the surrounding neighborhood. I urge you to support this legislation.