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Committee on ENVIRONMENT
General Assembly, State of Connecticut

Re: Senate Joint Resolution No. 5 – Amendment to the State Constitution Concerning the Environment and Natural Resources of the State

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to support the proposed Constitutional Amendment because I believe that public lands are a precious resource that should be retained to benefit the citizens of Connecticut. Lands should not be conveyed, sold, or given away unless through a public and transparent process involving the legislators and also the citizens of the town or towns where the lands are located.

The Conveyance Act as it has been used in recent years is a travesty of public process and must be stopped from giving away lands which are a trust for future generations.

The language of the proposed amendment should also be clear in that it must include state parks, state forests, and state-held agricultural lands.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Hitchcock

Cc: Representative Patricia Dillon
Senator Gary Winfield
CT Forest and Park Association