



Government Administration and Elections Committee Hearing 3/14/16

Testimony Regarding S.J. 36

We thank the Committee for scheduling a hearing on S.J. 36, a very important bill in our opinion because past General Assembly actions have resulted in the loss of valuable conservation lands. The so-called "Conveyance Act" allows for the sale and transfer of public lands without hearings or oversight. Often in the past this has resulted in the loss of State Park and Forest lands. S.J. 36 addresses this problem and we strongly support it.

Southbury also has hundreds of acres of state-owned conservation lands which are important to preserving the Town's rural character as well as providing recreational opportunities. These lands would be better protected under S.J. 36.

We respectfully urge the Committee to approve S.J. 36.

Tom Crider, President