Dear Senator Fonfara, Representative Rojas, honorable members of the Finance Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today. My name is Keith Garbart and I am representing the Connecticut Camping Association. The CCA represents 519 licensed camps in the state of CT and serves populations throughout the state.

I am writing to inform you that we are strongly opposed to raised Bill 1137, An Act Concerning Deposits in Lieu of Taxes, as it is currently written. The CCA is very concerned about the impact this would have on many camps in Connecticut, which could eventually go out of business if the bill is passed.

If it is not your intent to include camps in this bill, we ask that you please specifically exclude camping from the legislation.

We urge you not to pass Bill 1137 as it is written.

I appreciate your time and we are more than willing to answer any questions regarding this topic or provide further information. I can be reached by email at keith@windingtrails.org or by phone at (860) 677-8458 ext. 14. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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