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Land Conservation Council

Testimony on House Bill No. 7188
Judiciary Committee
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Co-Chairs Winfield and Stafstrom and members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to present testimony on behalf of CLCC concerning **HB 7188**, **An Act Concerning a Property Owner's Liability for the Expenses of Removing a Fallen Tree.**

As the state's umbrella organization for the land conservation community, including its 137+/- land trusts, the Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC) advocates for land conservation, stewardship and funding, and works to ensure the long-term strength and viability of the land conservation community in Connecticut.

While not taking a position on the balance of the bill, CLCC would like to be on record as supporting Section (e) which provides exemptions to protect land trusts, water companies, municipalities, as well as private landowners enrolled in the Public Act 490 program – all key partners in the state's land conservation efforts.

We thank the committee for your consideration and for this opportunity to submit comments. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

