

Written Testimony Supporting HB 5254

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO IMPOSE A BUYER'S CONVEYANCE FEE ON REAL PROPERTY TO FUND THE PURCHASE AND STEWARDSHIP OF OPEN SPACE.

Public Hearing 2/4/2019

Municipalities cited in testimony:

Ashford
Bethany
Bloomfield
Bolton
Bozrah
Branford
Bridgewater
Bristol
Brookfield
Cornwall
Coventry
Danbury
East Haddam
East Hampton
East Hartland
East Haven
Fairfield
Groton
Guilford
Haddam
Haddam Neck
Hamden
Hartford
Hartland
Higganum
Kent
Lakeville
Lyme
Madison
Meriden
Middletown
Montville
Mystic
New Canaan
New Haven
New London
New Milford
Newington
Norfolk
North Branford
North Stonington
Old Lyme
Orange

Pawcatuck
Plainville
Ridgefield
Salem
Sharon
Simsbury
Stafford
South Glastonbury
South Kent
Southbury
Southington
Stafford
Stonington
Wallingford
Warren
Washington
Weston
Westport
Willington
Windsor
Wolcott

Statewide Organizations:

Audubon Connecticut
CT Association of
Conservation & Inland
Wetland Commissions
CT Audubon Society
CT Farm Bureau Association
CT Forest & Park Association
CT Fund for the Environment
CT Land Conservation Council
CT League of Conservation
Voters
CT Council of Small Towns
The Nature Conservancy
The Trust for Public Land
Rivers Alliance
Sierra Club - CT Chapter
Working Lands Alliance

Regional Organizations (# of Towns):

Aspetuck Land Trust (4)
Avalonia Land Conservancy (22)
Eightmile River Wild
& Scenic Coordinating
Committee (5)
Housatonic Valley Association/
Litchfield Hills Greenprint
Collaborative (32)
Northwest Conservation
District (34)
Norwalk River Watershed
Association (6)
Pequabuck River Watershed
Association (17)
Shoreline Greenway Trail (4)
Weantinoge Heritage Land
Trust (17)