



Lands Amendment Letters to the Editor Samples and Bullet Points

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Bullet Points

- Keep Public Lands Public! The land conveyance amendment ensures that our State Parks and Forests remain for everyone, and not just for politically connected developers.
- For many in our community, our state forests and parks are their only source to enjoy the outdoors and open space. Public lands are there for everyone. That's why most Connecticut State Parks and Forests are free, providing local places for relaxation, inspiration, and for kids to explore and learn about nature.
- Public lands are valuable to Connecticut. Public land is one of the best investments we have made in Connecticut. Our State Parks and Forests attract over 8 million visitors, generate over \$1 billion in revenue for the state, and support over 9,000 jobs every year. This measure helps proteCT Connecticut's economy and jobs.
- More jobs in Connecticut depend on outdoor recreation (69,000) than on the aerospace and defense industry (60,000).
- Outdoor recreation in Connecticut generates \$6.9 billion in consumer spending, \$2.2 billion in wages and salaries in the private sector, \$502 million in state and local tax revenues, and supports 71,000 Connecticut jobs
- Public Lands are Your Lands. Despite ongoing attempts in the General Assembly to sell off or give away parts of our State Parks and Forests, these lands are still owned by all of us. Our precious private parks should never be given away without our input, and this measure will stop that.
- For too long, state politicians have cut backroom deals to give away our public lands to politically connected developers. The developers profit and the people of Connecticut lose their parks. The old way of doing things isn't working, and this measure will put a stop to it.
- Nothing is more important than clean drinking water. This measure will help to conserve the natural areas and forests that are critical to protecting the water in Connecticut's rivers, creeks, and streams, by filtering out pollution.
- Public land transactions should be public. By requiring public meetings and community involvement, this measure will require government to be transparent and open about the decisions on state parks and open spaces. It will end the secrecy around political deals to give away our parks and forests.

Letters to the Editor

Please personalize if possible.

To the Editor:

Currently, the General Assembly can sell, swap or give away state parks, forests and other valuable public lands without any public input. That's why I am writing today in support of the public land conveyance constitutional amendment that will appear on the November ballot.

The amendment will require a public hearing and a 2/3 vote from the General Assembly before your state parks and forests can be sold, swapped, or given away.

In addition, it will improve accountability and transparency of public land transactions by requiring public input, making it harder for backroom deals that only serve to benefit the politically connected.

I encourage my fellow [insert your town] residents to vote yes on November 6 to protect your public lands.

Sincerely,

Your name

To the Editor:

At a time when trust in our government is eroding, we must come together to support the public land conveyance amendment that will appear on our ballot in November.

We need an open and transparent process, and I applaud the nearly unanimous, bipartisan effort in the legislature to protect our public lands from backroom deals.

I encourage my fellow [insert your town] residents to vote yes on November 6 to protect your public lands.

Sincerely,

Your name

To the Editor:

Public lands belong to all of us; shouldn't we decide how they're used?

Currently, the General Assembly can sell, swap or give away state parks, forests and other valuable public lands with no public input.

Voting yes on the public land conveyance constitutional amendment that will appear on the November ballot would require a public hearing and a 2/3 vote from the General Assembly before your state parks and forests could be sold, swapped, or given away.

Improving accountability and transparency in government is something we can all agree on, which is why I encourage my fellow [insert your town] residents to vote yes on November 6 to protect your public lands.

Sincerely,

Your name

To The Editor:

For many in our community, our state forests and parks are their only source to enjoy the outdoors and open space, making places like [INSERT LOCAL STATE OWNED FOREST/PARK] vital to our community and the state at large.

Public lands are here for everyone. That's why most Connecticut State Parks and Forests are free, providing local places for relaxation, inspiration, and for kids to explore and learn about nature.

On November 6, we have the chance to vote to protect our public lands from being sold, swapped, or given away without a public hearing.

The public land conveyance amendment that will appear on our statewide ballot ensures that our State Parks and Forests remain for the public, and not for politically connected developers. The amendment requires a public hearing and a 2/3 vote from the General Assembly before state parks and forests like [INSERT LOCAL STATE OWNED FOREST/PARK] could be sold, swapped, or given away.

Improving accountability and transparency in government and protecting resources that everyone in our community relies on is vital to Connecticut's economy and quality of life.

I encourage my fellow [insert your town] residents to vote yes on November 6 to protect your public lands.

Sincerely,

Your name

To The Editor:

Public land is one of the best investments we have made in Connecticut.

Our State Parks and Forests attract 8 million visitors, generate over \$1 billion in revenue for the state, and support over 9,000 jobs every year.

According to one study, more jobs in Connecticut depend on outdoor recreation

(69,000) than on the aerospace and defense industry (60,000)!

On November 6, I encourage voters to join me in protecting Connecticut's economy and jobs, by voting yes on the land conveyance amendment that will appear on our statewide ballot.

The amendment ensures that our State Parks and Forests remain for the public, and prevents them from being sold, swapped or given away to the politically connected, without a public hearing and a 2/3 vote from the General Assembly.

Improving accountability and transparency in government and protecting resources that everyone in our community relies on is vital to Connecticut's protecting this important part of our state's economy and quality of life.

I encourage my fellow [insert your town] residents to vote yes on November 6 to protect your public lands.

Sincerely,

Your name