



Town of Scituate

Rhode Island

*Scituate Conservation Commission
Scituate Land Trust*



RE: **OPPOSE H7761** - RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- PUBLIC USE OF PRIVATE LANDS-LIABILITY LIMITATIONS

Dear Representative Carol McEntee and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

As chair of the Scituate Land Trust and member of the Scituate Conservation Committee, I work hard to keep Scituate's beautiful public lands open and accessible to all. It would be a grave mistake to pass H7761, which would remove the state and municipalities as "owners" protected by liability for accidents where the public is invited to recreate. The state and Town of Scituate could be sued for any accidents on their property, even in the absence of negligence.

Should this bill pass, it could force Scituate and the Land Trust to fully close our public lands. In addition, it could severely limit our ability to receive funds for stewardship of our properties.

Please oppose this legislation for the good of all the citizens of our state who enjoy visiting Scituate's parks and conservation areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Bower".

Rob Bower

Chair, Scituate Land Trust

Cc: Charles Collins, President, Scituate Town Council