Testimony in opposition to H5802: Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Act Barbara Walsh. 62 Frederick Street, Warwick, RI 02888

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To Chair Casey and the honorable Members of the House Municipal Government and Housing Committee:

I am opposed to this bill unless an amendment is made to include wildlife habitat, woodlands, and forests in the section where expert reports must be obtained that attest to no detrimental impact (page 2 lines 29-31). If not amended, such land could easily be construed as 'vacant' or 'underutilized' and destroyed for housing. Thank you.