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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL AND E-MAIL (bryan.hurlburt@ct.gov)

Mr. Bryan P. Hurlburt  
Commissioner, Department of Agriculture  
450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 701  
Hartford, CT 06103

Re: 500 Brown Road, Voluntown, CT

Dear Commissioner Hurlburt:

I am writing to follow up on our remote meeting on March 31, 2023 regarding the State's proposed use of state-owned property at 500 Brown Road as a disposal and composting area for carcasses and other debris which may have been contaminated by avian influenza or other biohazards.

While there was a great deal of discussion during that meeting regarding the State's due diligence leading to the selection of the Brown Road site for this use, the Town remains very concerned that there may be health or other impacts to the Town, its residents, and the environment. The capacity of the Town's roads to accommodate the volume of traffic contemplated, the failure to identify and account for domestic and commercial poultry operations located less than a mile from the site and the need to use Town property as a means of access to the site amplify these concerns.

As a result, until these concerns have been addressed more fully, the Town does not consent to the use of its property as a means of access to the 500 Brown Road and objects to the proposed use. Please feel free to contact me with any additional information that you believe may address these concerns.

Very truly yours,

Tracey Hanson  
First Selectman