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February 23, 2023

Dear Senator Flexer, Representative Blumenthal, honorable ranking members and vice chairs of the Government Administration and Elections Committee,

I am writing to request that you raise legislation to validate a previous conveyance of 10 acres of land in Middletown to Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church ("Shiloh") for the purpose of building low and moderate income housing. The church also has the ability to convey the land to a nonprofit entity for such purposes as well.

This property was previously conveyed in a series of legislative actions, most recently PA 96-249 § 8. A nonprofit affiliated with Shiloh built low and moderate income housing on an adjoining parcel of land conveyed in 1992, but Shiloh is worried that this 10 acre parcel may be encumbered by a reverter clause.

While Shiloh maintains it still owns the parcel and has been in active and productive dialogue with the office of the Attorney General, validating or re-passing the conveyance seems like the easiest path to remove all questions as to its validity. I would not object to adding an additional 5 year reverter term from the date of passage.

I am grateful for your consideration and would be willing to work with you or committee staff if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt Lesser".

Matt Lesser