

SAMPLE LETTER

December , 2017

Senator
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Re: Public Lands Preservation Act (PLPA, S. 2181)

Dear Senator.....:

I am writing to communicate my support for the Public Lands Preservation Act (PLPA, S. 2181), a bill which would provide needed protection for our public parks, playgrounds, forests, and other natural resource land.

Please ask Chairwoman Karen Spilka of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means to issue a favorable report on the PLPA as soon as possible.

The PLPA would stem the continual loss of public parks, conservation land, watersheds, and other natural resource lands as state agencies, cities, and towns divert the land to other uses, mostly for building projects. The bill would add transparency to land dispositions involving Article 97 land and would clarify the disposition process, providing efficiency and potential cost savings for municipalities. The bill would ensure that the integrity of Article 97 is upheld.

This legislation is important to me because

TELL THEM THE REASONS THE PLPA IS IMPORTANT TO YOU.
LEGISLATORS, LIKE MOST OF US, RESPOND MORE TO SPECIFICS THAN
GENERALITIES. Sample reasons:

Let them know if you are a member of the Friends of the Blue Hills.

Tell them why you care about the Blue Hills Reservation and/or how often you visit.

Let them know that the current Article 97 disposition process is unclear and can be inefficient. The PLPA would make the process more efficient, saving towns money.

Let them know you are concerned about water supplies; the Blue Hills and a lot of public natural resource land help protect the watershed.

Please ask Chairwoman Spilka to report out the PLPA favorably and as soon as possible.

Sincerely,