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Bob Statchen Joins Ned Lamont and Susan Bysiewicz Opposing Griswold Gun Range

Stonington, Connecticut – Bob Statchen, Democratic Candidate for the 18th District State Senate seat, was in Griswold today with Ned Lamont, Democratic candidate for Governor, and Susan Bysiewicz, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor. While all recognized the importance of proper facilities for law enforcement training, they joined with Voluntown First Selectman Tracey Hanson, Pam Patalano from Save Pachaug Forest and local residents to oppose locating a state police gun range on land that is surrounded by Pachaug Forest.

“Locating the gun range so close to both a state forest and numerous recreational activities simply does not make sense,” Statchen said. “There are other options out there and we need strong leadership to find a location that will not have such a negative impact on this region’s tourism industry and its citizens’ quality of life.”

“Representative Joe Courtney and I both spoke with Ned about this issue. It’s great to see a leader who is ready to immediately address issues that impact the economic viability of a region. I’m glad to see the concerns of Griswold and eastern Connecticut getting the recognition they deserve in the race for governor.”

Statchen recently submitted a letter in opposition during the public comment period of the scoping process to assess the environmental impact on the location. “I raised many questions as to how the initial search was conducted, including why the need for a 100+ acre location was a ‘primary criteria’ when the current facility operates on a 13-acre tract,” he said. “Additionally, if the National Guard range in East Haven is situated on 138 acres, why was co-locating at that facility dismissed as an alternative? Bottomline, the citizens of Eastern Connecticut should not suffer because a thorough analysis was not conducted.”



Bob Statchen, Democratic candidate for State Senate in the 18th District, addresses a press conference at Bitgood Road, Griswold.