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State Senator Jonathan Harris
State Representative Peter Villano
Members of the Human Services Committee
Room 2000, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Soundview Family YMCA Capital Project in Branford, CT

Dear Senator Harris, Representative Villano and members of the Human Services Committee:

In my first term as First Selectwoman for the Town of Branford I have been presented with a wonderful opportunity. The Soundview Family YMCA has made a major commitment to build a family program center along Route 1 in Branford. It is a twenty-four acre site which will provide a wonderful location for their main facility and for youth camp and environmental education program opportunities. I have met with the Y's leadership and am quite impressed with their goals and their commitment to building strong kids, strong families and strong communities. While I am honored this vital family and community center will be located in Branford, I know it will also serve the needs of youth and families in the immediate surrounding area as well.

Recently they announced that Nick Torello, owner of Torello tires will serve as the General Chairman of their capital campaign. Nick has been active in this region as a community volunteer and was very instrumental in helping the Special Olympics organization raise money for that vital cause. The YMCA has met with numerous Branford town boards and commission's and my administration is committed to helping the Y secure all the required approvals for this vital project.

I encourage your support of this project. I consider it an important priority for the Town of Branford. If there is anything I can do to advance this cause, please call.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,


Cheryl Morris
First Selectwoman