



TOWN OF PUTNAM

TOWN HALL
126 CHURCH STREET
PUTNAM, CONNECTICUT 06260



February 9, 2009

Dear Senator Sullman, Representative Dargan and members of the Public Safety and Security Committee:

As Mayor and with the unanimous backing of the Board of Selectmen, we support Raised Bill 6358, which would authorize the presentation of racing video in JD Coopers, a restaurant and sports bar on 146 Park Road. The video presentation will certainly enhance the experience of patrons who will be attending the facility.

We feel that with the addition of an OTB at JD Coopers, it will become a destination that will attract new people to the area, not only visiting the restaurant but also other local businesses. It will also be an important shot in the arm to a popular restaurant which, like many businesses in the hospitality industry, is facing difficult times. In addition, it means new tax revenues for the town.

The new branch is an important part of the economic development of our community. I might add that at a special town meeting, it was unanimously voted in favor of an off track betting facility in JD Coopers. Dave Landry, the owner, is a great member of our community and this legislation will help his business grow.

We urge this committee and the state legislature to approve Raised Bill 6358.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Viens
Mayor

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