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**Senator Len Fasano Testimony for HB 6081
Transportation Committee
Tuesday, February 24, 2009
1:00 PM in Room 2E of the LOB**

Good afternoon Chairman DeFronzo, Chairman Guerrero, Ranking Member Boucher, Ranking Member Scribner, and members of the Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today concerning **HB 6081, An Act Requiring The Construction Of A Train Station In East Haven.**

Through existing bond authorizations of the Department of Transportation, we are asking the Department to begin the process of considering a train station in the Town of East Haven, along the established Shore Line East Rail Line. The study should consider potential sites for the station as well as the potential utilization and costs associated with its construction.

I believe the addition of a train station in the Town of East Haven will provide East Haven residents with a safe, reliable and convenient mode of transportation by allowing them to avoid the already congested I-95 corridor. Reducing this gridlock will not only provide residents with an affordable alternative for their commute, but it will also help improve air quality by taking many cars off the road.

And while I recognize that during these tough economic times, our priorities may be elsewhere, I believe it is critical that we work closely with our elected officials to put a plan in place now so that when economic conditions improve, we will be ready to move forward with this or any other project benefitting the people of East Haven and Connecticut. I look forward to working with Representative Lawlor and Mayor April Capone Almon to move this legislation forward.

I thank you again for the opportunity to voice my support for this important measure, and I urge its' passage.

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