Transportation Committee
Room 2300, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: SB-448 *AN ACT CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF SOUND BARRIERS ALONG STATE HIGHWAYS IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY.*

Public Hearing: Transportation Public Hearing on February 24, 2009 at 1 PM

Dear Sen. DeFronzo; Rep. Guerrero; Sen. Duff; and Rep. Perone:

I very much appreciate that you are looking at funding improvements for people who experience hardships as a result of living next to the I-95 in Fairfield County, and am writing to ask for you to provide funding for sound barriers in Norwalk.

As a Common Council member representing East Norwalk I have many constituents who reside near the I-95 and are negatively impacted by the noise.

This dense residential neighborhood on the east side of the Norwalk River existed as one neighborhood before the construction of the I-95 that now runs through it.

Residents to the north and to the south of the I-95, as far east as Strawberry Hill Avenue where an existing sound barrier begins, are negatively impacted by the sound of heavy traffic. Driving along this stretch of the Interstate one sees several homes on both sides in close proximity to the highway.

Sound barriers are needed along both sides of the I-95 between East Avenue and Strawberry Hill Avenue. At this location, construction of a sound barrier on one side and not the other could worsen the situation for the side that doesn't receive the barrier because the sound is likely to be magnified. As the sound bounces off the barrier and gets deflected, I would be concerned that it would reverberate through the homes on the opposite side of the highway.

Although not within the district I represent, an additional consideration that I ask is for sound barriers for the residents that live in the row of homes along Hendricks Avenue, on the north side of the I-95 between East Avenue and the river, that also are hit by the full roar of the traffic.

Thank you again for considering sound barriers to help muffle the sound of the I-95 for the residents of East Norwalk.

Sincerely,
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