

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 6126**  
**An Act Authorizing Bicyclists to Cross the Housatonic Railroad**  
**At-Grade in New Milford**

TO: Transportation Committee

Re: House Bill 6126 - Act Authorizing bicyclists to cross the Housatonic Railroad at grade in New Milford

As residents of New Milford, my family and I are always looking for outdoor venues in which to hike and recreate. As a result, we were excited to hear about a project to develop a "New Milford River Trail" that would not only serve as a route for non-motorized transportation (bikes), but could also be used by hikers interested in exploring undeveloped shoreline along the Housatonic River. We expect that out-of-town visitors would also be attracted to this trail, and benefit the economies of New Milford and its neighboring villages.

We support the proposed bill, HB 6126, which seeks to further the development of the biking/hiking trail by establishing a crossing at grade across the Housatonic Railroad, where it intersects the trail at Sega Meadow.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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