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Testimony On
HB 6215, An Act Concerning the Construction of the
Orange Train Station
Transportation Committee Public Hearing
February 28, 2011

Representative Guerrero, Senator Maynard, Senator Boucher, Representative Scribner and Honorable Members of the Transportation Committee:

I submit this testimony today in support of *HB 6215, An Act Concerning the Construction of the Orange Train Station*. I join with Representative Davis and Senator Slossberg in supporting the development of a new Metro North Train Station on Marsh Hill Road in Orange.

The construction of this train station is a public-private partnership between the State of Connecticut and Dichello Distributors of Orange, which has been in the development phase for many years. This evolving partnership will prove to be beneficial as a cost saving measure for Connecticut taxpayers as well as an invaluable model and resource for future public-private partnerships.

Developing a transportation system that is designed to meet the needs of the business community and regional commuters should be a top priority. A train station located in Orange would do much to accomplish this goal. I look forward to continue working with all parties involved, including Representative Davis and Senator Slossberg, to insure the success of this long-awaited and very important project.

I respectfully request the committee's adoption of this bill and thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Themis Klarides'.

Themis Klarides
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