

Jasko Development is a New York company, that has invested millions of dollars in Central Connecticut, refurbishing and re-establishing both commercial and residential real estate. Jasko is a company who is bringing jobs, along with **long term sustainable development** to our area. Along with this, Jasko has created numerous work opportunities for construction workers and sub-contractors, and these sub-contractors then have more jobs to offer, and so on. In addition to this, Jasko has created many opportunities for small business in our commercial properties with economic incentives. More important, the overwhelming majority of our tenants, both commercial and residential, are from outside of central Connecticut, and sometimes from outside of the state. It is our intention to continue this development, and this could positively impact every town along the bus way. We are the kind of company who is at the forefront in bringing jobs and economic development to our region, helping increase our tax base, and restoring blighted properties, being right in line with the goals Governor Malloy has for our state.

This bus way is exactly the kind of thing that convinces us we have made the right choice to invest in New Britain and central Connecticut. This project, by connecting downtown Hartford with New Britain will not only produce jobs for those working on the bus way itself, but will also create many, many more jobs with the economic development, both commercial and residential all along the bus line, and Jasko has shown that this development can bring both residents and small businesses from outside of our area as well as increasing opportunities for those residents and small businesses who are local.

This project can happen **now**. Jasko is creating long term sustainable development **now**. Our state is in one of our worst budget crisis's in our history **right now**. We have a tremendous amount of national government funding in place for this project **right now**. **We need solutions and positive impact right now**. It is incomprehensible that anyone would even consider scrapping this viable and vital project for a pipe dream that will no doubt cost double what this project does and most likely will not even happen in our lifetime.

Please don't send a message to Jasko and other companies like us, that this state is not willing to step up to the plate with those of us who are bringing jobs, opportunity, and long term sustainable development to our area, by stopping what could be the most effective tool in in our region's economic development.