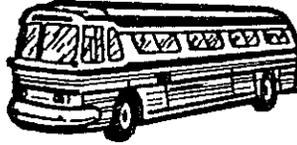


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Senator Andrew Maynard
Representative Antonio Guerrero
Legislative Office Building
Transportation Committee, Room 2300
Hartford, CT 06101

RE: BILL NO. 1063, AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDS FOR EVENING BUS SERVICE

Dear Senator Maynard and Representative Guerrero:

I testify before you today to ask for your support of Bill No. 1063, An Act Providing Funds for Evening Bus Service.

North East Transportation Co., a division of CTTransit, provides fixed route and paratransit bus services in the Greater Waterbury, Meriden and Wallingford areas. Today, primarily on behalf of our current and future passengers, I ask for your support to fund evening public bus services in the City of Waterbury.

Currently, the CTTransit Waterbury Division's public bus service operates until 6:00 in the evening. The general public, whom rely on public bus transportation, must depend on and burden family and friends to access second or third shift employment, Higher Education evening classes, shopping, socializing or even taking in a movie.

Over the past several months, North East has been working in conjunction with the City of Waterbury, Naugatuck Valley Community College, The Central Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments, UConn, St. Mary's and Waterbury Hospitals; and many of the local retail and grocery chains, to gather information and once again assess the idea of evening bus transportation services in Waterbury. The response has been overwhelming.

For many years North East Transportation has submitted different variations of evening bus service proposals; however enough funding has never been available. Recently, we have diligently worked on yet another service proposal which condenses fifteen (15) routes into six (6). This current proposal brings the level of service to the bare minimum, which will still provide transportation for employment, education and other opportunities to a City of over 100,000 people in the evening. Public bus transportation is affordable and reliable. Waterbury needs this opportunity for their residents.

Thank you for your past and continued support of Public Bus Transportation Services.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Kalosky'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Barbara Kalosky
General Manager