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WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF REPRESENTATIVE ELISSA WRIGHT  
*Appropriations Committee Public Hearing*

Re: GOVERNOR'S H.B. No. 5014, AN ACT MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE  
EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013

Senator Harp, Representative Walker, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of H.B. 5014, and specifically the recommended adjustment expanding service on the Shore Line East rail line by extending weekend train service between Old Saybrook and New London.

The expanded service would provide five round trips between Old Saybrook and New London, beginning April 1, 2013.

Additional weekend service between New Haven and New London will greatly enhance affordable commuter rail options to riders in the corridor extending from New York to New London, particularly as the market for environmentally-friendly transit alternatives for leisure time and seasonal excursions to Southeastern Connecticut is expanding.

Thank you for your consideration of this worthy state investment.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elissa Wright".

Elissa Wright  
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