



Southern Connecticut
State University

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Committee Bill 5040, An Act Authorizing Bonds of the State to for Traffic Calming and Economic Development in Westville Village. As a resident of Westville, and in my role as Interim Vice President for Student and University Affairs at Southern Connecticut State University, I fully support this proposed action.

When I moved to New Haven four years ago, Westville was the only neighborhood I considered making my new home. Westville is a thriving and diverse community that offers the benefits of urban living in a close-knit, suburban environment. The economic development of Westville Village is essential to sustaining this balance. Downtown Westville must attract more business to the area to meet the varied interests of its residents.

In my professional life, I interact with students every day who would like to see more options for off-campus shopping, eating, and entertainment. Fewer and fewer students have cars on campus and must rely on shuttles to bring them to the shopping centers in surrounding towns. Westville Village is within walking distance of the campus and our efforts at traffic calming and economic development would greatly enhance the lives of our students, while making students feel more connected to the City of New Haven.

Please give Committee Bill 5040 your serious consideration and vote to make Westville Village a safer and more appealing alternative for residents of the Greater New Haven area and students at SCSU.

Sincerely,

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