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To: Kevin Maloney, Chairman
CT Public Transportation Commission

From: Jonathan Chew, Executive Director

Re: Potential Demise of CPTC

Date: March 1, 2012

I am writing to voice strong support for continuation of the CPTC. I have observed your group for many years, participated in its lively hearings, and read its annual reports.

I am therefore in a good position to attest that the CPTC has consistently played a useful and creative role in statewide and regional transit planning.

Now is not the time to muffle the champions of public transportation. Further, my observation is that the CPTC has absolutely minimal staffing and is not an expensive institutional entity to maintain.

There might be two sides to the proposed sunseting if the CPTC meetings were poorly attended. But there is a good turnout at each. The voice of the public on transit issues is heard and recorded.

The CPTC then makes thoughtful recommendations. I support continuation of the CPTC as a useful and proved public service.