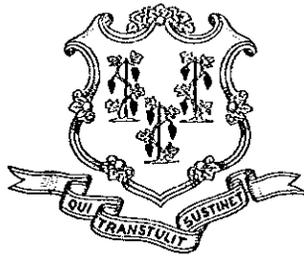


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Good morning Sen. LeBeau, Rep. Perone and members of the Commerce Committee, I write in support of the New Haven Bonding bills on your February 14 agenda. These bills taken together will significantly increase the quality of life in the City of New Haven.

As our economy emerges from the recession, S.B. 535, AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR THE NEW HAVEN WORKS PROGRAM, can play a vital role in training the local workforce for the available jobs. H.B. 5783, AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR A YOUTH COMMUNITY CENTER IN NEW HAVEN will offer a constructive interaction with our youth in need of structure and activity.

H.B. 6070, AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR A STREET GRID SYSTEM IN THE NEW HAVEN MEDICAL DISTRICT will create developable property to meet the needs of the growing bioscience industry in New Haven. The city has a strong bioscience center and with state support for its growth, it can be a national shining star.

H.B. 5014, AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE SHUBERT THEATER IN NEW HAVEN, will provide funding for vital cultural infrastructure in the city. One of New Haven's greatest treasures is its vibrant cultural climate. Funding for the arts is money well spent.

H.B. 6071, AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR KIMBERLY PARK IN THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN, and H.B. 6072, AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE RENOVATION OF CRISCUOLO PARK IN THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN will add to the valuable outdoor recreation and environmental awareness that is so important for the quality of life in urban centers.

Thank you for raising these important bills