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My name is Roger J. Cirella and I am a resident of the city of Ansonia and a member of the CT Rail Commuter Council. I have been a Metronorth commuter to lower Fairfield county for the last twenty (20) years. Of those twenty (20) years of riding the rails, seven (7) of those years include utilizing the Waterbury Branch Line (Line) of Metronorth. I am a monthly ticket holder and I support HB5127.

Today is a perfect example of why I support this Bill. Service has been suspended on the Line. There are more and more weekly and monthly ticket holders on the Line, the main line, and other branches and they all deserve credit when service is suspended. Commuters are trying to do the right thing by leaving their cars behind. Afterall, more commuters on the train alleviates congestion on our roads and protects the environment. The current policy by Metronorth gives commuters another reason not to give up their cars and utilize the trains.

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