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Testimony in Support of HB 5450

An Act Authorizing the Sale of Land for the Purpose of Constructing a Bridge and Walkway at the Wilton Train Station

Transportation Committee

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Good morning, Chairmen Maynard and Guerrero, Ranking Members Boucher and Scribner, and former fellow members of the Transportation Committee. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 5450.

My remarks also apply to HB 5448, which is very similar to HB 5450 (for which I have also supplied testimony). Only the proposed funding source is different.

At present, the Town of Wilton has all the ingredients but one for an exemplary transit-oriented development (TOD) site:

- A town center with many retail establishments including grocery and beverage stores, cleaners, restaurants, a pharmacy, gift and clothing stores, and banks
- 589,000 square feet of office space in the town center
- Eight residential complexes in and surrounding the town center, with more than 500 housing units, with another development beginning construction shortly
- Two affordable congregate housing facilities for seniors: one fully occupied and another under construction and nearing completion
- A train station on the Danbury branch of the New Haven Line that is 500 feet away from the town center
- Parking both in the town center and at the train station