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To Quinn Kess, Clerk of the Transportation Committee:

Please accept into the 2/13/2013 Transportation Committee hearing record the following comments from the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials:

SB 472 EXPANSION OF PARKING AT RAIL STATIONS:

Parking shortfalls are most acute at Bethel and Branchville Stations. Both HVCEO and CT DOT have identified significant potential for increased ridership on the Danbury Branch Line. The upgrading of parking will release that potential and fortify the economy of the Danbury to Norwalk corridor in central Fairfield County.

SB 626 INCENTIVES FOR TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS:

In addition, HVCEO has identified significant potential for transit oriented development on the Branch Line at Bethel and Branchville Stations. State incentives to develop TOD at these locations will be in Connecticut's interest.

Many Thanks,

Jonathan Chew
HVCEO Director