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Senator LeBeau, Representative Perone, Senator Frantz, Representative Lavielle and members of the Commerce..

I write to offer my strong support of HB 5515 An Act Allowing the Designation of the Town of Thomaston as an Enterprise Zone.

As State Senator for the 31<sup>st</sup> district, I recognize Thomaston as one of Connecticut's treasures. It is located in the foothills of Litchfield County and has a rich history in manufacturing. While some of these quality manufacturers still remain, the town of Thomaston is unable to offer them incentives to prosper and grow and remain in their town. The town is also unable to attract new businesses with the tax incentives that neighboring towns are able to offer.

Allowing the designation of the town of Thomaston as an enterprise zone is necessary for the economic growth that this town needs.

Thank you for your consideration. If you need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Welch".

Jason C. Welch