

February 4, 2015

Honorable Members of the Transportation Committee:

Please consider this my testimony in support of Proposed Bill No. 5925: "AN ACT NAMING A DRIVEWAY AFTER LISA MAYNARD."

I am a Project Engineer with the Connecticut Department of Transportation Office of Facilities Design. I worked alongside Lisa Maynard for a little more than 18 years. We worked on many projects together, including dozens of projects that renovated or constructed new highway maintenance facilities supporting the roadway maintenance activities of the Office of Maintenance. She was the lead Civil Engineer which meant that not only would she design the various elements of the site such as drainage, grading, and utilities but she was also integral part of developing construction phasing plans. She was also the environmental permit coordinator for Facilities Design.

Lisa was an asset to the Connecticut Department of Transportation. She was an extremely talented designer. She learned the lessons of each project as it was constructed to become a better designer for subsequent projects. She knew her job and I knew from a Project Engineer perspective that I did not need to micromanage her work. She set the standard by which projects were designed. Her legacy lives on through her training of colleagues who are in turn expected to train future employees accordingly. She was an extremely dedicated employee. Even while fighting a valiant battle against cancer those last couple of years, she still came to work and still met her deadlines. She never used her illness as an excuse. Her passing continues to leave a void in Facilities Design.

One of Lisa's last design projects for the Office of Maintenance was for the new Colchester Repair and Electrical Facility. I have enclosed a photograph of the roadway into this facility. Sadly she did not live long enough to see this project completed. Lisa lived in Hebron near Colchester. Lisa is buried in Colchester. It is only fitting that her legacy lives on by naming the access road into this facility after Lisa. Lisa has earned this honor.

I wish to thank the Committee for considering Proposed Bill No. 5925.

Sincerely,

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Access Road into New Colchester Repair and Electrical Facility

