

Dear Representatives, Senators, and Committee members,

Representative Guerrero, Senator Maynard, Senator Boucher, Representative O'Dea and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 6343: An act concerning the restoration of the Housatonic Railroad line.

I am writing to you, as a resident of Massachusetts, in support of updating and restoring passenger rail service through Northwest Connecticut, as described in Rep. Roberta Willis's proposed legislation HB 6343. This legislation is critical to the future of NWCT.

Here are some of the benefits offered to the citizens of Connecticut:

1. Support existing businesses and increase tourism
2. Attract young families and entrepreneurs
3. Improve rail safety and decrease noise and vibration
4. Stimulate new local transport options and enterprises

And here are some benefits to citizens of other states, like me:

5. will also be able to visit friends in NWCT more easily, especially in the winter, when I would rather not drive
6. will be able to attend specific cultural events more easily
7. will make NWCT easier to explore for out of staters

Yours sincerely,
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