

Dear 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 Berkshire County, Massachusetts, in support of updating and restoring passenger rail service through Northwest Connecticut, as described in Rep. Roberta Willis's proposed legislation HB 6343. I would be able to use this rail line to visit my father who lives in CT and visit towns in CT with friends to go shopping and explore. I am certain it would have even greater positive impact on CT residents and jobs as well. I work at a small business in Great Barrington that is hiring in the next few years and CT residents would be able to easily access those jobs with a short, pleasant commute.

Yours sincerely,  
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