

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 hopeful future resident of Connecticut, 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 such as ourselves, to us allow commuting options, well priced housing and great schools.
3. Improve rail safety and decrease noise and vibration
4. Stimulate new local transport options and enterprises

This service will bring new families into CT, and eventually turn around the declining population figures.

Yours sincerely,
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