

Dear Transportation Committee,

One of the primary reasons I have chosen to NOT live in the Berkshires at this time is the lack of public transportation. If the Housatonic Railroad line was restored, there is no question that the area would again be my home. My work takes me to southern Mexico for a large part of the year and I am able to visit neighboring states, not to mention the other side of town and Central America, with ease and without reliance upon car ownerships. It is a joy.

If I were able to travel by train from my former primary residence in Great Barrington, I would have the mobility and economic freedom to visit not only Connecticut, but also New York and other parts of Berkshire County with greater frequency and ease. Less pollution, less expense, less stress. It would be a dream come true.

It's time. Please support the restoration of the Housatonic line.

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