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Representative Aundré Bumgardner
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Dear Representative Bumgardner:

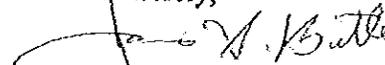
SUBJECT: Proposed Bill No. 6367, An Act Concerning a Change to the Boundaries of the Groton-New London Airport Development Zone

I am writing on behalf of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, which wishes to express its support for your proposed Bill No. 6367. This bill would adjust the boundaries of the proposed Groton-New London Airport Development Zone, to a more logical location than that which can be realized today if the two mile circumference for the zone boundary is applied using the center of the airport for the center of origin for the radius. Without this adjustment, the ensuing Airport Development Zone includes much of Fisher's Island Sound, two State Parks, and a residential area in New London; with the adjustment, the new zone boundary would include land appropriately zoned to take advantage of the benefits that an Airport Development Zone can offer, including the State Pier New London.

The Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments believes that your proposed legislation, if enacted, would help to provide economic development opportunities in the region, and to its member municipalities of Groton and New London. We thank you for bringing this proposal to the Transportation Committee for a public hearing, and we respectfully urge that Committee's positive action and subsequent approval by the General Assembly.

Please let me know if we can provide any additional support for this initiative which will benefit all of southeastern Connecticut.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

Cc: Rita Schmidt, Mayor, Town of Groton
Mark Oefinger, Town Manager, Town of Groton
Daryl Finizio, Mayor, New London

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