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Testimony of Thomas Sheridan, President/CEO, Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut on H.B. No. 6367 (Proposed) An Act Concerning a Change to the Boundaries of the Groton-New London Airport Development Zone before the Transportation Committee, Feb. 11, 2015

Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrara and members of the Transportation Committee,

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut I am writing to express our support of "An Act Concerning a Change to the Boundaries of the Groton-New London Airport Development Zone" We ask that you consider doing likewise.

Changing boundaries of this particular development zone is necessary and simply makes good common sense. The existing Groton-New London Airport's location is adjacent to Fishers Island Sound thus placing a large portion of the Airport Development Zone underwater and completely undevelopable. This results in significantly minimizing the intended benefit of the trade zone.

HB 6367, if enacted, would shift the Airport Development Zone boundary to the north. This would mean that the airport would be the southern boundary for the proposed ADZ instead being at the center of the zone. Supporting this proposal will allow both Groton and New London to take full advantage of the airport development zone designation. Both municipalities will be able to pursue the intended purposes of this development zone, and better capitalize on the benefits of such a zone. Your consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tony Sheridan
President/CEO