Dear Governor Malloy,

As wholehearted supporters of trains, we ask that you do, too, in your capacity of decision-maker for an entire state. We've been privileged to live in a number of developed countries where trains are the norm and used by thousands of people every day. Indeed, they are treated as a right and necessity, not a luxury, in order to travel between towns and long distances. Because of the freedom they give to move about easily, bringing them to work, entertainment, friends and family, vacations and commerce, they are even said to reduce crime! Trains have always served their populations out of necessity but have benefited in many other ways, including a healthier lifestyle, energy efficiency, reduction in air pollution, among others.

Further we've chosen never to live in a city or town where access to the town or city center could not be had by walking or taking a public convenience, and thus never depended on a car for everyday pursuits. Even before it became the wise and energy-conscious thing to do.

Thanks for your consideration of linking our state to yours!

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