



February 11, 2015

Transportation Committee
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: SB-494 An Act Authorizing Special Tax Obligation Bonds for a Rail Station in Enfield

Dear Transportation Committee Members:

The Town of Windsor Locks Economic and Industrial Development Commission fully support investment in the Hartford line. The new commuter rail route from New Haven to Springfield will be a game changer for Enfield, Windsor Locks and each of the communities with a rail station – indeed the State as a whole. The Town of Windsor Locks has invested time and funding to make relocation of the train platform to our downtown area a reality. We applaud Enfield for its efforts to plan a transit center in the Thompsonville neighborhood. Together our communities are vested in this important transportation and economic development initiative.

The Department of Transportation has estimated that \$350 million is required to double-track from Windsor to the State line, as well as construct station area improvements in Enfield, Windsor Locks, Windsor, West Hartford, Newington and North Haven. We urge the State legislature to work with the Governor to make a fully-funded and fully-function Hartford line happen sooner rather than later.

The Windsor Locks EIDC publishes a weekly e-news blast on the Hartford line and progress towards implementation. Anyone interested in receiving these e-mails can send a request to wleidc@sbcglobal.net.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 860-985-2083 to discuss the importance of the Hartford line to Windsor Locks and surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

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