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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 Bradley Development League has a keen interest in the success of the Hartford Line. The Bradley Development League is a consortium of the four towns surrounding New England's second largest airport (East Granby, Suffield, Windsor and Windsor Locks). Two of our towns, Windsor and Windsor Locks, have stops on the Hartford Line. The Hartford Line is expected to have a connection from the Windsor Locks train platform to the airport. A fully-function Hartford Line will be a benefit to Bradley International Airport which is an economic engine for the State of Connecticut.

In order to maximize the benefits of the Hartford Line, additional state and federal funding is necessary to complete the double-tracking and to complete the station area improvements in six communities including Enfield.

The Bradley Development League in partnership with the Connecticut Airport Authority has retained URS Corporation to analyze an appropriate link between the Hartford Line and the airport. Both Windsor and Windsor Locks have invested time in Transit Oriented Development studies around its station. This demonstrates our commitment to the Hartford Line.

We applaud the State of Connecticut for the funding commitments already made and we urge the State to continue to seek funding to make the line fully-operational.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. McMahon
Operations Committee Chairman