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### Testimony

#### **Support of Raised House Bill 5003 An Act Authorizing Bonds of the State For The Railroad Museum of New England In The Town of Thomaston**

**Commerce Committee  
March 1, 2016**

Chairman Hartley, Chairman Perone, Senator Frantz, Representative Camillo and esteemed members of the Committee.

I would like to thank the Committee for the opportunity to testify in support of **Raised House Bill Number 5003 AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE RAILORAD MUSEUM OF NEW ENGLAND IN THE TOWN OF THOMASTON.**

The Railroad Museum of New England is a non-for-profit, all volunteer, educational and historical organization founded to preserve, restore, interpret and tell the story of the region's rich railroad heritage through education exhibits and operation of the Naugatuck Railroad. The museum concept is more than artifacts; it's also a story of the region and the development of society around the railroad.

In addition to scenic train ride's emphasizing school children and their development. These funds will help promote a continuing effort to attract families, seniors, and railroad enthusiasts from around the country.

I appreciate your consideration of this request for an initiative that benefits not only a great organization but the development of our children and our great state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'John'.

John Piscopo  
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