

Testimony in regards to bills HJ 54 and SB 253 and 263 in regards to proposed new Amtrak route through Southeastern Ct.

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Although I won't be able to testify Monday I would like to comment on these rail bills.

Basicly, I object to the spending of money to build an alternative Fast Track rail through Southeastern Ct. for the following reasons.

- 1) We already have decent rail service, I know not the fastest, but to spend huge amounts of money to save 15-20 minutes, seems like a waste of money. We should instead just make sure that the present rail system is updated and safe. From what I have read, just doing that is a challenge. If someone can't pay their present mortgage, they don't add on another bedroom.
- 2) The state and Federal Government both have huge deficits (during an economic recovery). To spend money on a luxury when we can't even afford the basics is fiscally irresponsible.
- 3) No one down here wants it! Everyone always seems to be worried about the environment and open space, why would we want to spoil more of the environment with more rail tracks, when we already have a rail system.