



bikewalkbolton

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To whom it may concern:

I wholly and enthusiastically commend your efforts to complete project SB-775, a 111-mile loop path through central Connecticut. Recent improvements and connections being made on trails in my area of Connecticut have been met with tremendous enthusiasm. In 2017, an infrared counter placed on a remote area of the trail in Bolton registered over 69,000 hits. That portion of trail has since been connected to the Charter Oak Trail and we expect to see the number of users increase.

The proposed project SB775 will further encourage use of trails in our area. It will improve opportunities for CT citizens to exercise, recreate and commute in a safe space. Trail users spend money. Trail users express joy. Trail users represent a diverse demographic. Refer to cttrailcensus.uconn.edu for evidence of this.

Bike tour companies offer vacation opportunities to ride trails like this and can be encouraged to develop this as a vacation destination offering a unique economic opportunity for the state.

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