

Dear CT General Assembly Transportation Committee Members,

I would like to submit testimony in favor of proposed S.B. 775 to establish the Central Connecticut Loop Trail. Enhancing bicycling opportunities in the state, both recreationally and for transportation, brings well-documented health and economic benefits. Communities with well-designed and regionally connected bicycle corridors create local business opportunities related to recreational usage, create community, and contribute to the health and well-being of residents and visitors. Additionally, connecting bicycle corridors to rail transportation affords alternate commuting and transportation opportunities that attract young workers, decrease road congestion, and improve air quality by reducing emissions.

The Central Connecticut Loop Trail is an infrastructure opportunity we can't afford to miss. Please support this important initiative that will add so much to the vibrancy and economy of Central Connecticut.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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