

To: General Assembly's Transportation Committee

RE: Senate Bill No. 775, "An Act Concerning the Creation of the Central Connecticut Loop Trail,"

Just one week ago while walking south of Middletown looking for Bald Eagles, three of us spoke about Air Line Trail and how it would be nice to have that type of trail in Middletown. Middletown has a lot of open spaces and parks with hiking but not one of any length such as the Air Line or Farmington's Trail.

I am in support of the bill introduced by Mary Abrams, Matt Lesser, and Norm Needleman and I request that you vote in support of this Bill.

The opportunity to create a new trail and having connections to the two existing is an opportunity not to miss. Greater Middletown is a beautiful area as are the cities that would be included. These trails would be a safe avenue to walk, run, or bicycle, activities that currently are so difficult on roads in our state. I've seen extensive trails in other states such as Colorado with a few people telling me the trails contribute to their healthy lifestyles.

Vote YES!

Thank you,

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