

**Testimony of  
General Dynamics Electric Boat**

**Regarding House Bill 5423  
*AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF PASSENGER TRAIN AND GROUND  
SERVICES IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT***

**Transportation Committee**

**February 19, 2021**

Representative Lemar, Senator Cassano, Ranking Member Somers, Ranking Member Carney, and other distinguished members of the Transportation Committee, I respectfully offer these comments in support of House Bill 5423 AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF PASSENGER TRAIN AND GROUND SERVICES IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT

Electric Boat supports a feasibility study to extend the Shoreline East rail line to Rhode Island. The proposed location of an additional rail stop in the City of Groton with close proximity to Electric Boat would provide a commuting option for EB employees. The majority of our employees drive to work in a single occupant vehicle, which causes parking issues and congestion. Electric Boat is currently in a period of high growth and anticipates adding 2000 jobs in the next 5 years. This growth will further strain the current available parking. Rail service in the proximity of our shipyard could help ease the strain.

In addition to the relief this expansion would have on parking and traffic, the new rail line would support economic development in southeastern Connecticut. The expanded rail would allow EB employees to explore the surrounding towns for recreation after work.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of HB 5423.

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