



**Testimony of
Pfizer Inc**

**In Support of HB 5423
AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF PASSENGER TRAIN AND GROUND
SERVICES IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT**

February 18, 2021

Dear Representative Lemar, Senator Cassano, Ranking Member Somers, Ranking Member Carney, and all members of the Transportation Committee:

Pfizer respectfully offers the following comments in support of HB 5423 AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF PASSENGER TRAIN AND GROUND SERVICES IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT

As a proud member of the Eastern Connecticut business community for over 60 years, Pfizer is proud to call Groton, Connecticut our home. Pfizer supports HB 5423 which would conduct a feasibility study to extend the Shoreline East rail line to Rhode Island, establish a new Norwich Branch Line which could provide service to Massachusetts at a later date and extend ground transportation systems in eastern Connecticut and establish new passenger train stations in Groton and Stonington Borough.

Train service with a rail stop in the City of Groton in close proximity to our Research and Development site will ease the commute burden on our existing employees. The project would significantly reduce congestion on Interstate 95 and also make travel easier to our sister sites in New Haven and New York.

Finally, the project will be an added attraction to hiring new colleagues and go a long way in supporting economic development in southeastern Connecticut.

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

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