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Commissioner James P. Redeker
2800 Berlin Turnpike
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Dear Commissioner Redeker,

We are writing to you to for information and an explanation regarding a recent report from the Connecticut Commuter Rail Council concerning the Waterbury Branch Line.

According to the June 2018 report the line had an On-Time Performance (OTP) percentage of 65.2 percent. This number is unacceptable. When compared to other branch lines Waterbury is approximately 20 percent lower in OTP compared to the New Canaan Line, Danbury Line and Shore Line East.

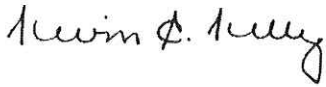
As you know OTP impacts ridership, when residents don't feel like they can rely on rail they will take their car into work – again clogging up Connecticut roadways. This is clearly shown with an almost 2 percent decrease in ridership when compared to earlier months. This unacceptable performance prompted us to ask the questions below:

1. Why did the Waterbury Branch Line have such a low On-Time Performance last month?
2. What is your office doing to make sure these performance issues do not happen in the future?
3. What is your plan to make sure the Waterbury Branch Line is a success – specifically what is your plan to increase the ridership and reliability of the Waterbury Branch Line?

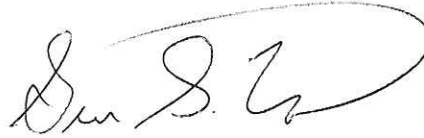
While we understand that ridership and OTP fluctuate, such a significant drop is disturbing. In a time where commuter rail is so vitally important to our economy, we must take immediate steps to ensure its success.

We look forward to your response regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



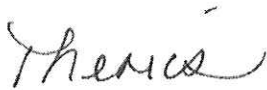
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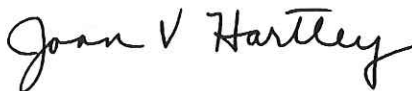
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