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Commissioner James Redeker
Department of Transportation
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Dear Commissioner Redeker,

I want to take a moment to bring to your attention a long standing problem that was quickly resolved by state Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) staff. While relatively small in the grand scheme, the solution is a marked improvement.

Several weeks ago, at my request, DOT Rail Operations Administrator Gene Colonese and MTA New Haven Line Supervisor John Longobardi worked with CSX Rail to move a graffiti-covered rail car out of sight lines of the Reed Street overpass area. As you know, the state has invested considerable resources in improving this major thoroughfare into historic South Norwalk. It was an eyesore that didn't put our best foot forward to those who live, work or visit the area.

Oftentimes, we forget to thank those that help us with the small details that contribute to improving the quality of life in our communities. I wish to extend my sincerest thanks to Gene and John for working together with the owner of the car to find a solution that benefits everyone.

Thank you for providing such excellent staff to legislators. I look forward to working with you and both departments in the future.

Sincerely,

Bob Duff
Connecticut Senate

CC: Howard Permut, President, MTA- Metro North Railroad