



Dear Massachusetts Leader:

I support commuter rail service from Springfield, MA to New Haven, CT, and I would like you to help make it a reality so Western Massachusetts can thrive again.

Connecticut is planning commuter rail service from Enfield to New Haven, linking northern CT with the New York area. To make Springfield a passenger stop on this line, MA needs to invest an estimated \$30 million. CT's share is \$270 million.

### **Commuter rail benefits everyone, whether they ride the train or not**

**It's green** – Commuter rail would reduce pollution-emitting traffic on I-91, I-84, and I-95, improving the air we all breathe.

**It's good for our economy** – The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission estimates that this line would generate at least \$152 million in new economic activity in Western MA.

**It's good for riders and employers** – Commuter rail gives commuters and travelers more convenient and affordable options. It's also a key part of a sustainable transportation system of rail, buses, and cars that employers need to attract the best workers and keep businesses running smoothly.

### **This project has a growing number of supporters in Western MA**

To read more about why citizens – commuters, travelers, environmental supporters, business owners, and others – want to see rail progress, please visit the Pioneer Valley Advocates for Commuter Rail at **[www.SpringfieldRail.org](http://www.SpringfieldRail.org)**, or contact **[pvacr@yahoo.com](mailto:pvacr@yahoo.com)**.

Please help bring commuter rail to the Springfield area and create the real progress we need.

Sincerely,

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Signature / Date

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