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Commissioner James P. Redeker
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT 06105

Dear Commissioner Redeker,

We are writing in support of Congressman John Larson's vision for the reconstruction of I-84. We understand the significant infrastructure challenges Connecticut faces with regard to I-84 and I-91 in Hartford. With federal support, we believe this project will not only solve these problems, but transform the region for generations to come.

The I-84 viaduct has split Hartford in two and cut off residents and businesses in the North End from the rest of the city for than half a century. In addition, the viaduct in Hartford is badly congested and in need of repair. The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers has also identified upgrades to our aging levee system in order to keep our communities safe from floods. Congressman Larson's comprehensive plan for the region would allow us to reconnect the city to businesses, repair our crumbling levees and recapture the Connecticut Riverfront. With an I-84 tunnel beneath Hartford and into East Hartford, including a new below ground interchange, we could repurpose our highways and bridges into boulevards they once were, create a bypass for through traffic easing downtown congestion, and repair our eroding levee system before disaster strikes.

We strongly encourage the Department of Transportation to include this option for reconstruction of I-84 so that we may plan for a better future here in Connecticut.

Sincerely,



Sen. Tim Larson



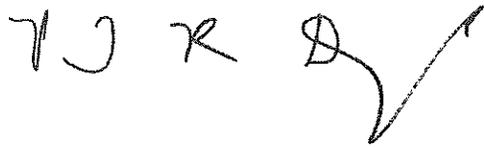
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