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The Honorable Dannel P. Malloy
Governor
State of Connecticut
210 Capitol Ave.
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Malloy,

Some questions have arisen regarding funding you announced on July 16 for the design of a new train station on Bridgeport's East Side:

- When did discussions begin on the need for this project?
- What studies have been conducted to push the need for this project to be funded prior to other critical transportation projects?
- Is this new project taking funding away from other transportation projects which have been awaiting action?
- Will taxpayer dollars be directed toward this train station project instead of other transportation projects across Connecticut?
- Have any members of the legislature's Transportation Committee received a briefing on this project and its scope?
- What does your office estimate will be the total cost to taxpayers of building the new train station?
- Will money for the project come from highway funding or bridge funding?
- How much will state taxpayers be asked to pay and how much will come from the federal government?

As I am sure you are aware, many commuters and taxpayers in our state feel that more must be done to fix our existing infrastructure. I hear complaints from commuters every day about our roads, bridges and rails. While I applaud your focus on our rail infrastructure, I am concerned that current pressing needs could go unmet due to a focus on new projects.

Thank you in advance for supplying answers to these questions prior to this month's meeting of the State Bond Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Toni".

Toni Boucher
State Senator
Ranking Member, Transportation Committee
Ranking Member, Trans. Bonding Subcommittee

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David".

David Scribner
State Representative
Ranking Member, Transportation Committee
Ranking Member, Trans. Bonding Subcommittee