

NEW HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY

March 13, 2006

Patricia King
Chair
New Haven City Plan Commission
165 Church Street, 5th Floor
New Haven, CT 06510

RE: New Haven Coastal Program

Dear Chair King:

On behalf of the New Haven Port Authority, I am writing to thank you for the recent presentation on the Coastal Program. In the past, many of the terminals and supporting businesses within the port district have sought coastal site plan permits and other approvals from the City Plan Commission. The Port Authority will continue to encourage applications that are consistent with the objectives of the Connecticut Coastal Management Act, with particular emphasis on water-dependent uses.

As you know, the working waterfront is a precious resource. The existing Coastal Program generally is consistent with the mission of the Port Authority and, of note, contributed favorably to our proposed acquisition of the East Shore Parkway. At this time, please continue to support access to deepwater and zoning amendments in support of the Port Authority's mission. In doing so, I trust we can work cooperatively to implement the goals and objectives of the Coastal Program.

Thank you for considering these concerns. In the near future, the Port Authority will engage a consultant to prepare a strategic assessment of the Port of New Haven from an economic, environmental and land use perspective. I hope you will participate in this effort and continue to build a mutually productive relationship.

If you have any questions on the upcoming plan or on these comments, please call me direct at (203) 389-5064.

Sincerely,

John Russo
Chair