

NEW HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY

March 13, 2006

Kevin J. Kopetz
First Selectman
Town of North Haven
18 Church Street
North Haven, CT 06473

RE: Closing of the Stop & Shop Warehouse

Dear First Selectman Kopetz:

On behalf of the New Haven Port Authority, I am writing to express our support to you and the North Haven community in light of the announced closing of the Stop & Shop warehouse in Montowese.

Certainly the redevelopment of the site is a matter of regional and statewide importance. With that in mind, please note the services of the New Haven Port Authority and the logistical benefits of our port terminals are regional assets, which may be useful in marketing and establishing a new business at this site.

As you may know, the Port of New Haven is the largest commercial port in Connecticut and a leading port-of-call along the Atlantic Seaboard. The port's terminals, including Gateway Terminal and Coastline Terminal / Logistec, are longstanding operators with the ability to handle many of the commodities used for manufacturing and distribution activities in the region.

Moreover, the South Central Regional Council of Governments, with the help of a private consortium, prepared a detailed look at container barge service at New Haven. Given the explosive growth of containerized freight movement (which is expected to double in the NY/NJ region by 2020) and the size / location of the Stop & Shop facility, there may be an opportunity to establish container freight service to the site. With the new Waterfront Street railroad, now under construction, there is a direct connection between the port and points north.

In closing, best wishes with your economic development program for Stop & Shop and other sites. If we can be of assistance with this effort, or if you have further questions, please call me direct at (203) 389-5064.

Sincerely,

John Russo
Chair