

NEW HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY

April 19, 2006

The Honorable Cameron C. Staples
The Honorable Eileen M. Daily
Co-Chairs
Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee
Room 3700, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Raised Bill #587, An Act Concerning Funding for Intermodal Transportation at the Port of New Haven Harbor

Dear Senator Daily and Representative Staples:

On behalf of the New Haven Port Authority, I am writing to express our strong support for Raised Bill #587, An Act Concerning Funding for Intermodal Transportation at the Port of New Haven Harbor.

Although it is late in a short session, I do hope you will be able to take up this matter and assist us with our efforts to develop the Port of New Haven. The Port Authority is a new entity and, to date, has worked closely with the Connecticut Department of Transportation to ensure the return of fully-operational rail service to the port district. I am pleased to report the railroad is now under construction. Still, the construction of Interstate 95 complicates our efforts and it is clear that we will not have full access to storage and lay down spaces for several years to come.

That said the proposed state investment in our port terminals will help us to bridge the time gap and remain competitive with other ports in New England and across the Northeast. With your support we will continue to remove trucks from our congested roadways and contribute to the economic well being of the state.

Thank you for consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or would like additional details please call me direct at (203) 389-5064.

Sincerely,

John Russo
Chair