



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

January 17, 2017

The Honorable Jack Reed
United States Senate
1000 Chapel View Boulevard, Suite 290
Cranston, RI 02920

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
United States Senate
170 Westminster Street, Suite 1100
Providence, RI 02903

The Honorable James R. Langevin
House of Representatives
Summit South, 300 Centerville Road, Suite 200
Warwick, RI 02886

The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo
Office of the Governor
222 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Madame and Sirs:

We write concerning the Federal Railroad Administration's proposal for the Northeast Corridor. While we support rail service and support efforts to increase the efficiency of rail travel, we have serious concerns about the proposal, specifically the Old Saybrook-Kenyon bypass through Connecticut and Rhode Island.

This bypass goes through wetlands, aquifers, nature preserves, designated open space, private property and farmland. The effect this project would have on southwestern Rhode Island would be enormous. There are quality of life implications, environmental threats and historic preservation concerns.

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Sincerely,

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