

*Town of Westerly*  
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December 22, 2016

Honorable Jack Reed, US Senator  
One Exchange Terrace  
408 Federal Building  
Providence, RI 02903

Re: High Speed Rail By-Pass

Dear Senator Reed:

On behalf of the Westerly Town Council I am writing to express our deep concern regarding recent reports that the Federal Railroad Administration is considering the inclusion of a high-speed rail bypass through Westerly, Rhode Island as part of NEC Future planning.

This bypass poses significant impacts to the communities and property owners in Washington County, Rhode Island. Plans for a second corridor bypassing downtown Westerly and the existing rail station may significantly impact existing funding and service along the current rail corridor. Further, plans for a bypass pose troubling impacts to the region's tourist economy, shared between Westerly, RI, and our neighboring community, Stonington, CT.

Given these planned and potential impacts, the lack of clear off-setting benefits for the communities and the importance of continuing rail service for Westerly, we respectfully request a letter of support from you in opposing the inclusion of a "Kenyon to Old Saybrook Bypass" as part of the NEC Future Preferred Alternative.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse, US Senator  
170 Westminister St., Suite 1100  
Providence, RI 02903

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Honorable James Langevin, US Representative  
Summit South  
300 Centerville Rd., Suite 200  
Warwick, RI 02886

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