

April 25, 2012

Mr. Timothy M. Wilson, PE  
Manager Highway Design  
CT Dept of Transportation  
PO 317546  
Newington, CT 06131

RE: State Project # 043-0128  
Replacement of Bridge 01665  
US Route 1 (Saltonstall Parkway)

Dear Mr. Wilson:

First let me thank you and the CT Dept of Transportation for giving the residents of the Town of East Haven the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project.

As Mayor, my office has received many inquiries into this matter.

I am very concerned that the replacement of the Main Street bridge may be done in such a manner that will irreparably harm the historical significance that the bridge holds to our Town. Whether, the issue with the existing bridge is hydraulic or structural in nature, professional people I have spoken to have told me that those problems can be addressed without the need to dismantle or demolish the bridge as it exists today.

Please understand that this historical East Haven structure has much meaning to our residents and it's complete replacement may cause the Town to take whatever steps it can to oppose this project.

Again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my opinion and I apologize for not being able to do it in person.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joseph Maturo, Jr., Mayor