

The following was originally published in the *Journal Inquirer*, on 29-Apr-2008:

Save train station from Amtrak

I commend the Windsor Locks Preservation Association for its long and arduous efforts to save the train station.

I've accepted the group's challenge to write to Sen. Chris Dodd on multiple occasions to ask that he get involved to help the town acquire the station from Amtrak. So far I haven't heard any response out of the three letters I sent to his office. Nothing. It seems the senator is too busy to acknowledge a constituent's concern.

Therefore, I am enlisting state Rep. Peggy Sayers and U.S. Rep. John Larson to voice our concern in this endless wrangling. The people of Windsor Locks are counting on you to assist in helping us save our train station from ruin. Yes, ours.

Amtrak is mostly funded by the taxpayers, so, therefore, it is partially owned by the taxpayers. If it weren't for our tax dollars, there would be no Amtrak.

I'm sure Dodd is aware of this. It's time Amtrak be reminded as well. I'm calling on the senator to firmly convey the message to Amtrak. With a little arm-twisting Amtrak will hopefully get the message, and finally get on board with the revitalization plan.

I hope more residents phone in and write the offices of Sayers, Larson, and Dodd until they finally hear us and act on our behalf to save the train station, finally bring this battle to an end.

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