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Dr. Mr. Sawicki,

By way of this letter and on behalf of the Town of Darien, I write in strong support of improved pedestrian safety amenities along the commercial corridor in Darien between the I-95 exit 11 interchange and the intersection of Sedgewick and Post Road.

More specifically and in coordination with Baywater Corbin Partners' +/- 13 acre redevelopment in the heart of Darien's downtown, I write in support of a new pedestrian crosswalk and other pedestrian safety amenities serving this recently approved mixed-use development. The Corbin Partners redevelopment will include 116 new units of housing, restaurants, retail, office and outdoor gathering spaces all in immediate proximity to the Darien Train Station and Norwalk Transit Bus Route 341. The Corbin project will include the construction of an internal driveway that will function like a roadway through the development. The new "road" intersects the Boston Post Road in a location that would provide an ideal location for a highly functional crosswalk and associated pedestrian safety signs, signals and roadway markings. In addition, a new crosswalk at Boston Post Road and Brook Street is needed.

Over the past 13 years, a number of studies have identified the need for pedestrian safety enhancements along the Darien downtown corridor in order to achieve a "park and walk" objective. Those studies include but are not limited to the following:

- Connecticut Mainstreet, Downtown Darien Revitalization Plan, May 2006
- Town of Darien Plan of Conservation and Development, June 2006
- South Western Regional Planning Agency, Route 1 Corridor Study, October 2012
- Board of Selectmen Town Plan Vision Statement, November 2014
- Town of Darien Pedestrian Infrastructure Advisory Committee Report, December 2015
- Town of Darien Plan of Conservation and Development, May 2016
- Town of Darien, CTDOT, WestCOG Road Safety Audit, November 2016

Copies of these documents can be provided to you upon request.

We appreciate CTDOT's partnership in helping facilitate long overdue pedestrian access and safety amenities along the downtown Darien Post Road corridor and specifically in relation to the Corbin Partners redevelopment plan.

Respectfully,

Jayme J. Stevenson
Town of Darien, First Selectman / SWRMPO & WestCOG, Chairman

cc: John Sini, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Commission
David Genovese, Baywater Properties