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Cranston City Council Members,

I would like to go on the record as fully supporting the proposed retail center project by Coastal Partners II, LLC at 100 New London Ave, Cranston.

As a 20-year resident of Cranston, and one who lives in the near vicinity of the proposed project, I do not see any adverse traffic problems, as that area is already well-traveled and well set up for this type of business activity. It also is a highly appropriate location for a retail center, particularly considering that both the Chapel Hill and Garden City centers are long established in the very same area.

Also, as someone who represents construction workers, I can only view a project of this size and scope as a much-needed opportunity for work opportunities, particularly at a time when much talk and planning of private and commercial development—as a result of the pandemic—has slowed down, dried up, or temporarily halted. This also means a special opportunity for some of those workers, and members of the RI Building and Construction Trades (a notable number who do reside in Cranston), to have the unique opportunity to potentially work in their own city, close to their own homes—something that does not occur often enough in the constantly migratory work history of a construction worker.

Sincerely,

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