Dear Editor,

My name is Matthew Lipka - I recently graduated from Wethersfield High School and will be attending American University this fall, and I am endorsing Amy Morrin Bello for the State of Connecticut's 28th District Representative. I have no doubt in my mind that Amy (or as I know her, Mrs. Bello) will represent our town in Hartford tremendously well.

As both a town council member and a mayor, Amy has done so much for our town. She has led many environmental policies (such as LED streetlights and the preservation of the Kycia Farm) to success, and has worked to grow an already amazing education system. She has done this while promoting businesses within Wethersfield as well. Amy also provided a strong voice for the people of this town as mayor and is continuing that role right now as a town council member.

While the policies Amy Morrin Bello implemented and implements at the local level are incredible, much of what I know of Amy comes from her appearances around town. While I have known her since my days at Webb Elementary School, I have seen her professionally at various events and ceremonies around town I went to as a member of the Wethersfield High School Eagle Marching Band. I noticed her presence, poise, and support at these events. She was always willing to talk to people of all ages from the town, and appeared to be comfortable giving speeches and addressing the community. As a young person in our town, it is exciting to know some of our elected officials not just as a name on a piece of paper or a website, but as a real person I have had a conversation with. It makes me feel like my voice will be better represented in Hartford - and I know Amy will do that.

Amy Morrin Bello's representation of our town ceremonially and publicly combined with what she achieved politically makes her the perfect pick to represent us in Hartford. Please join me in supporting her.

Matthew Lipka