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Attached please find my application for the Transportation District Board. I am also attaching related bus information for the past 10 years regarding the passion I have in working to build a relationship with the senior citizens and travel on the buses.

After writing my first book, *"Travel of a Senior Citizen without a Car"* and going to the Palm Beach Transit Authority monthly meetings for 3 years, I moved back to CT and Bella Vista where I continued working with senior citizens.

I wrote my second book, *"Riding the New Haven Buses"* and continued lectures and tours via the buses for the senior citizens. In 2015 I started writing monthly articles for the Bella Vista Reporter. Each month riding and writing one of the buses that were labeled routes A-Z at the time. This became so popular that I received offers from Randall Beach of the New Haven Register and Andrew Sandweiss of the Yale New Journal (articles attached) to ride on a bus with me and write their enclosed articles.

By the end of 2018, I had written about each bus and the lettered buses soon changed to numbers. With the help of Doug Hausladen, manager of Transportation in New Haven and Sam Medley, Division manager in Stamford, CT, I was able to meet the the managers of transportation from surrounding towns. (see attached list). One by one I was able to have a meeting with them and get permission to ride their town buses, writing monthly articles of All their buses. Some of these towns were not part of CT Dept of Transportation and were run independently by their district department of transportation. I was about to start riding and writing about Danbury buses when this Covid 19 virus broke out and I am hoping to get there after the pandemic is over.

Also attached are 2 pictures of buses in Florida that have Purel Sanitizers on EACH bus and they also secure the first three seats PERMANENTLY closed for wheel chairs and walkers of passengers with their disability. You would be surprised at the lack of respect for disabled passengers . I tried to get these on each bus at the area bus meeting over the years, but was not able to do so.

I will continue to try to get these and a list of other long term projects going if I am elected to the board. Respectfully submitted, *Dennis DeMartin*

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