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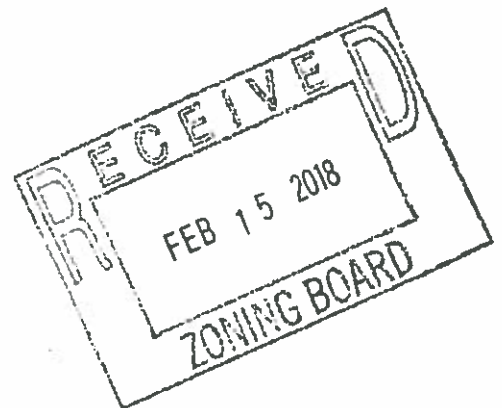
All,

Attached is a cover letter and an online petition in support of Appl. #217-01 and the contemplated Life Time facility. You will note that I have redacted part of a negative comment which shared personal information about the woman who started the petition in an attempt to discredit her. Please include a copy in the file and distribute to the Board members.

Thanks,
Lisa

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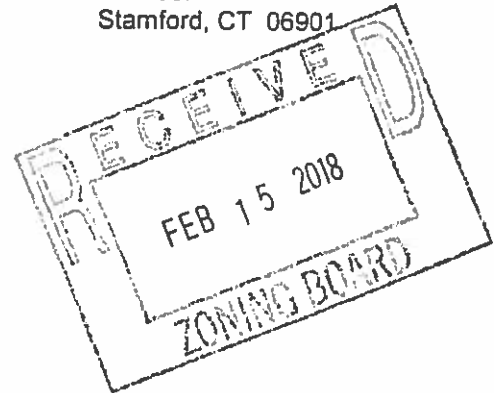
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Principal Planner
City of Stamford
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Stamford, CT 06901



RE: Appl. #217-01 – High Ridge Real Estate Owner, LLC

Dear Dr. Woods:

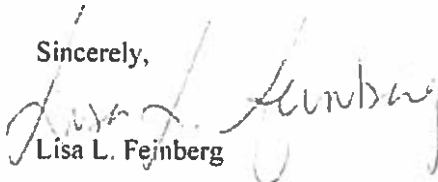
Enclosed please find a copy of a petition in support of the above referenced application and the contemplated Life Time facility at High Ridge Park. We do not typically pay much credence to petitions; however, in this case, we felt the circumstances dictated our sharing same with you and the members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board.

As way of background, this petition was started by a resident of North Stamford after becoming aware of an effort to stir up opposition to this proposal. She is a mother of a young child and a current member of the Life Time in Harrison, NY. She moved to the area a few years ago and has been underwhelmed by the activities available for her young family. Thus, when she heard about this proposal, she was thrilled and could not understand why there were prominent members of the community opposing it. The petition was provided to me in hopes that I would share it as evidence that there are many in the city who feel differently.

It is important to note that she started this petition on her own accord, not at the applicant's request. Moreover, it is an ongoing effort, but to date, there are 190 supporting families. Most of these supporters live in North Stamford and are excited about the prospect of having an amenity like Life Time in close proximity to their homes.

I hope that staff and the reviewing Boards will take the time to review the comments left on the petition which indicated significant community support for this proposal.

Sincerely,


Lisa L. Feinberg

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cc: Ralph Blessing, AICP
Vineeta Mathur, AICP

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STAMFORD, CT

Support Lifetime Athletic Club Opening in North Stamford

by: [Ellie Z](#)

Location: [Stamford, CT](#)

173 SUPPORTERS IN STAMFORD

190 SUPPORTERS

1,000 GOAL

Hi everyone, as many of you know Lifetime has applied to open in the office park off of High Ridge Rd. There are some protestors and we would like to ensure that this wonderful facility is allowed to come in. For those of you not familiar with Lifetime they offer (with your membership) two hours a day of free babysitting, a Pilates studio, yoga, Tennis, indoor and outdoor pools with table side service, water slides for the kids, state of the art weight training and classes. I do not work for Lifetime, I am a North Stamford resident and I would love to have this facility in our community! Please join me in adding your name as a sign of your support.

Best,
Ellie Zieminski

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190 SUPPORTERS

Local Comments Local Signatures All

Alain B.
Connecticut
Great facility

28 minutes ago

SEND ★

John A.

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COUNTRY

United States

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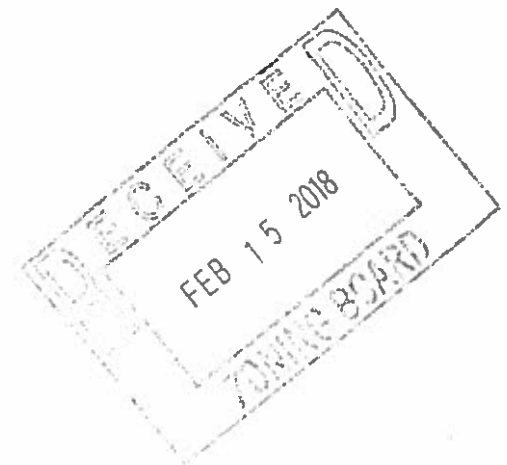
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Connecticut Proximity

2 hours ago

SEND ★

Ellen S.

Connecticut

a day ago

Would be great to have full service gym close to North Stamford. What a great use of a vacant space.

SEND ★

Robert L.

Connecticut

a day ago

Need a facility like this closer to North Stamford. My daughter uses a Lifetime Fitness in New Jersey and our 3 year old grandson loves the pool and is now safe in water after taking swimming lessons. If Ellie and Mike are bringing this to the area because connection kudos to them. Having a gym close to North Stamford is important for wellness and health.

SEND ★

Cynthia R.

Connecticut

4 days ago

Ellie, I am truly impressed with your knowledge of what is planned for the fitness center site, is this because of your husband's affiliation with Technogym, a supplier of equipment to the facility? Water slides, poolside service. Wow! an application has not yet even be submitted to zoning for approval yet you've defined the offerings. A facility of this caliber, which would generate thousands of auto trips each day in and out of the facility with autos passing through an intersection with one of the worst service levels in the City! What's more, the hundreds of screaming kids in the pool would be in the backyard of residents who now live in a quiet neighborhood I suggest that the facility and its parking garage be put in your backyard and your neighborhood so that it will be closer to you and the other North Stamford residents can enjoy everything it has to offer.

SEND ★

Gary P.

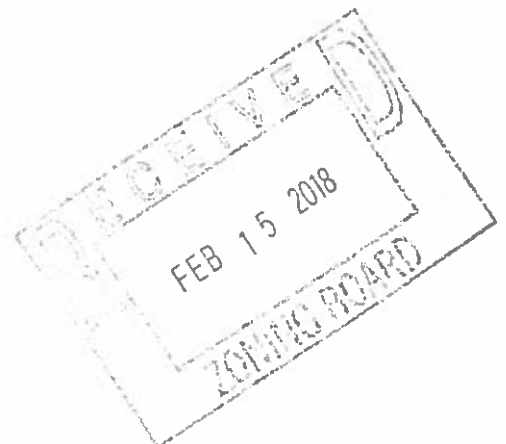
Connecticut

4 days ago

Need some quality fitness club options in the area!

SEND ★

name not displayed



site feedback |

Connecticut

5 days ago

Desperately needed for North Stamford for 2 reasons. 1) we need a gym and services closer to home than 20 minutes. 2) business will help with the tax base, to lessen residential taxes. Also..Its in a commercial area anyway. what difference does it make if someone is going there for work of for fitness? The traffic will not be a problem. bring it!

name not displayed

Connecticut

5 days ago

A facility like this is a great asset to the community. With the closing of all of the New York Sports Clubs our closet "gym" facility is in Ridgeway Plaza and it is a limited facility. Chelsea Piers is a great facility but getting to it from North Stamford is just so time consuming that we avoid doing it at all costs. The 25 minute drive one way is just not worth it. This would be a great asset to our changing community.

Michael S.

Connecticut

5 days ago

I support this for a long list of reasons! A.) I live in North Stamford and a fitness center is much needed! B.) It brings jobs, tax revenue and puts to use otherwise-vacant office space in a positive way (which unfortunately we have a LOT of) C. Traffic impact is FAVORABLE compared to using this as traditional office space (I have no idea why some are protesting for traffic reasons!) -- gyms are open 18-20 hours a day and weekends meaning usage is spread out over a long period, not an office bringing workers only at peak-traffic times.

SEND ★

Heather G.

Connecticut

5 days ago

I live in North Stamford and it would be great to have a fitness center nearby. I currently wake up at 4:45 am and drive to Greenwich to work out.

SEND ★

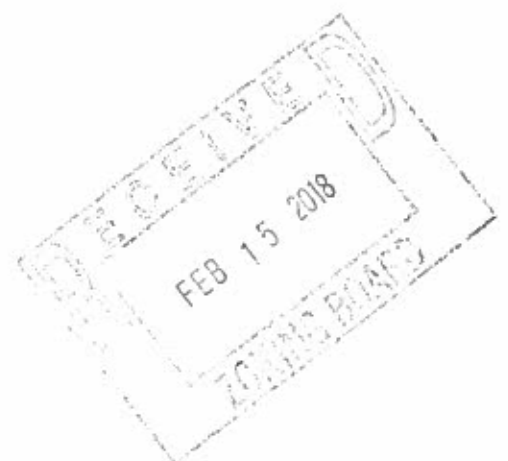
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Connecticut

5 days ago

Need more established businesses, especially community oriented ones that will help attract young families to the area.

name not displayed



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Connecticut

5 days ago

Happy to see good use put to this particular vacancy, although not likely I will attend this gym.

Laura D.

Connecticut

5 days ago

We need a resource like this in North Stamford to help with overall traffic and to make the city more convenient to all.

SEND ★

name not displayed

Connecticut

5 days ago

As a young family we would greatly appreciate a place closer by to work out.

Jeffrey B.

Connecticut

6 days ago

There are few gyms in North Stamford and no fitness centers. I think it is a great idea to offer easier access to health and fitness for families living in North Stamford. Additionally you have empty space that does nothing for anybody.

SEND ★

Karen S.

Connecticut

6 days ago

What a great use for empty office space. We have to think of other uses for this space. This does not impact a neighborhood, it is easily accessible from main streets and the Merritt Pkwy. There is no downside here.

SEND ★

name not displayed

Connecticut

6 days ago

I want it near me

Jessica V.

Connecticut

6 days ago

We lived in White Plains a few years ago, near another Lifetime Fitness. I cannot express how much I loved that place! The amenities are fantastic



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- unlike anywhere else - for individuals and families. white plains is too far and so is chelsea piers. paying for a country club year round is more expensive and probably not as nice. and this is not just a gym.

SEND ★

Raymond m.

Connecticut

6 days ago

proximity to my home

SEND ★

Maureen F.

Connecticut

6 days ago

Local access to classes

SEND ★

Ryan C.

Connecticut

6 days ago

Brings amazing health and fitness options for my family to a part of town that is majorly lacking them.

SEND ★

Hemant S.

Connecticut

6 days ago

Important for North Stamford development and family needs.

SEND ★

Gail P.

Connecticut

6 days ago

We need a north Stamford gym!!

SEND ★

Felicia C.

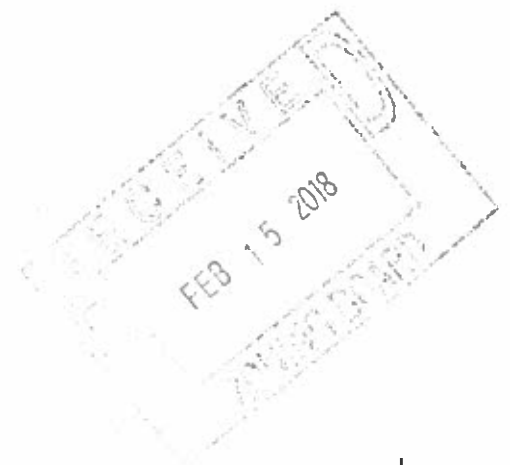
Connecticut

6 days ago

We do not currently have a workout facility in the area, and better than other bank or CVS pharmacy opening up!

SEND ★

name not displayed



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Connecticut **Great to have a gym near or in North Stamford.** 6 days ago

Christopher N.
Connecticut 6 days ago

We need a gym close to North Stamford.

SEND ★

Sherrod K.
Connecticut 6 days ago

The closest gym to my house is 10 miles away. It would be great to have a local facility.

SEND ★

Greg K.
Connecticut 6 days ago

Great idea. North Stamford is isolated from anything of this sort and would be great for us. Would also create some competition with other facilities to improve quality and pricing

SEND ★

Collin O.
Connecticut 6 days ago

Bc there's no gym up north stamford would be an easier commute at night

SEND ★

Deirdre B.
Connecticut 6 days ago

I think it will be good for the folks in North Stamford to have an athletic facility that is convenient to them. Also the office park is a good spot.

SEND ★

Maren G.
Connecticut 6 days ago

a benefit to the community

SEND ★

Janey A.



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Connecticut Why wouldn't we want a facility like this in a convenient location? Stamford is lacking in these types of offerings. 6 days ago

SEND ★

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Connecticut 6 days ago

In the interest of full disclosure: the creator of this petition, Ellie Zieminski, purchased a home in North Stamford with her husband, Michael, in June 2016: <http://gis.vgair.com/stamfordct/Parcel.asp?PID=22250> So they are newcomers here. More importantly, Michael Zieminski is a Regional Sales Developer for Technogym: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/michael-zieminski-0b14b4100> And Technogym sells fitness equipment in a partnership with Life Time Fitness: <http://www.technogym.com/land/en-us/life-time-fitness/> So a new Life Time Fitness facility in High Ridge Park would presumably provide one heckuva commission to Michael. (Follow the money....)

William P.

Connecticut 7 days ago

Tax revenue for city and closer place to work out.

SEND ★

name not displayed

Connecticut 7 days ago

benefit to community, current memeber at lifetime westchester, awesome gym

Karen A.

Connecticut 7 days ago

Huge benefit to the community

SEND ★

Dianne F.

Connecticut 7 days ago

Need to workout closer tonhome!

SEND ★

Leslie F.

Connecticut 7 days ago



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Great way to use abandoned bldg and gain tax revenue

SEND ★

Janet T.

Connecticut

7 days ago

Exercise facilities should be available to all areas of Stamford

SEND ★

Jonathan R.

Connecticut

7 days ago

They always have a well maintained facility and a quality gym is needed in the area. They have lots of amenities.

SEND ★

Peter F.

Connecticut

7 days ago

Finding a reputable fitness center within a reasonable commute is a significant challenge. This location, used appropriately, will benefit the families and wellbeing of our community.

SEND ★

name not displayed

Connecticut

7 days ago

This business will bring life and community activity to a space/area that otherwise has none.

name not displayed

Connecticut

7 days ago

I would love it and would join immediately. As it is now I drive down to Tully to work out. Please build it. Stamford needs it!

Oliver S.

Connecticut

7 days ago

Need an accessible and modern gym in North Stamford!

SEND ★

name not displayed



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Connecticut

7 days ago

There are no gyms in close prmoximity to my home in North Stamford. Currently driving 30 minutes to a gym everyday and contemplating moving because of the lack of convenience.

Lorraine Z.

Connecticut

7 days ago

There are few gym choices in North Stamford other than the Italian Center or the JCC. We need another gym.

SEND ★

Richard S.

Connecticut

7 days ago

We need good family exercise and entertainment near north stamford. It would bring revenue to the area and fill empty office space

SEND ★

KATHLEEN D.

Connecticut

7 days ago

THINK IT IS A GOOD IDEA

SEND ★

Gary L.

Connecticut

7 days ago

Health reasons, convenience

SEND ★

Theresa Z.

Connecticut

7 days ago

I'd love to see a fitness center in this area! The only options nearest to me are actually out of town. I have zoning concerns, but I'm also tired of seeing good proposed amenities get driven out, and we're left with sub-par options (unless we want to drive 30 minutes away).

SEND ★

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Connecticut

7 days ago

i live in North Tamflrd near pound ridge and have a toddler. I would love to have a family friendly place to take him. I'm from CA and am still not



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used to being stuck indoors during winter months and would appreciate having something close to us.

Ashley K.

Connecticut

7 days ago

Great for a family... I moved here a few years ago and North Stamford doesn't offer much... taxes go up every year and I use other towns ... lifetime will offer so much for Stamford !!

SEND ★

Agnes D.

Connecticut

7 days ago

I think this would be a great addition to the area! Especially if they offer child care/babysitting on site! I would be very happy to see it opened up.

SEND ★

Lindsey P.

Connecticut

7 days ago

Facility for my children and family...

SEND ★

Martiecita h.

Connecticut

7 days ago

More healthy options for healthy living is good for a healthy community!

SEND ★

Jerry S.

Connecticut

7 days ago

This would be a very nice replacement of a decaying old building and a nice amenity for our community

SEND ★

Alex P.

Connecticut

7 days ago

If you build it, they will come.

SEND ★

Emily T.

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Connecticut 7 days ago

We need more amenities in and close to North Stamford to help attract and retain young families. One of the key reasons we hear of people leaving the area is that there are no amenities close by. This is a rotting building and would be a great use of the space.

SEND ★

Lori F.

Connecticut 7 days ago

Health and fitness are personal goals for me. Having a premiere facility in N Stamford would be GREAT for the community.

SEND ★

Robyn A.

Connecticut 7 days ago

I work out regularly and this would be a great addition to our options in Stamford

SEND ★

Belinda S.

Connecticut 7 days ago

Lack higher end fitness facility in populated area.

SEND ★

Jenn S.

Connecticut 7 days ago

Gym traffic will not be all at once at rush hour everyday.

SEND ★

Brian K.

Connecticut 7 days ago

Near by health clubs are a plus for the community. This is already an industrial park so traffic will not be an added burden.

SEND ★

Tom U.

Connecticut 7 days ago

PLEASE!!!! Open a fitness facility close to the North Stamford neighborhood!!!!



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SEND ★

Iris M.

Connecticut

7 days ago

That old building needs to be usefully occupied.

SEND ★

name not displayed

Connecticut

7 days ago

Need better facilities near north stamford. Reason for people to move in since most are moving out b/c of the schools

Sarah G.

Connecticut

7 days ago

I'm a senior with DM2 (formwhich exercise is part of the treatment) and would very much like a closer exercise facility

SEND ★

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Connecticut

7 days ago

We need gym facilities in the North Stamford area.

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Connecticut

7 days ago

It is currently a vacant building, this will provide jobs, revenue for the city, and sales tax for the state. a win win all around.

Simona H.

Connecticut

7 days ago

Opening a gym in North Stamford is a great idea.

SEND ★

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Connecticut

7 days ago

Health

Richard R.



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Connecticut 7 days ago

Good idea for a gym in N.Stamford and a good use for the building

SEND ★

Janna L.

Connecticut 7 days ago

There are no gyms in North Stamford!!

SEND ★

Vanessa T.

Connecticut 7 days ago

North Stamford needs this. This center offers everything for a family and as of now we have to drive a good distance to provide sports experiences for the children. I also feel we need an affordable pool option in the summer.

SEND ★

David S.

Connecticut 7 days ago

Stamford badly needs better amenities near and north of the Merritt.

SEND ★

Mark C.

Connecticut 7 days ago

I agree and live here.

SEND ★

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Connecticut 7 days ago

I believe this would be a great amenity for our area.

Brenda Z.

Connecticut 7 days ago

We need a local athletic facility!!!

SEND ★

Sarah N.



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Connecticut 7 days ago

Gym is very much needed in this area

SEND ★

Jennifer Z.

Connecticut 7 days ago

Would love a closer facility.

SEND ★

Ben M.

Connecticut 7 days ago

This seems like a much needed facility for North Stamford. People may say "but we already have Chelsea Piers" It takes close to 30 minutes to get across town at the best of times. How about something useful in my backyard for a change?

SEND ★

Elliot T.

Connecticut 7 days ago

Stamford badly needs better amenities near and north of the Merritt. The old Frontier HQ is literally rotting and Stamford at 27% has the highest office vacancy rate in the ENTIRE COUNTRY. It's obvious that an entertainment/lifestyle/leisure amenity is an appropriate adaptive reuse of this land.

SEND ★

name not displayed

Connecticut 7 days ago

Healthy options!

Michael N.

Connecticut 7 days ago

We need a gym close to North Stamford and this location is great. If an office was placed there (which is what it is zoned for) traffic would still be a problem. There won't be any additional traffic than there would be with it's zoned and approved use.

SEND ★

Lauren R.



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Connecticut 7 days ago

We need more business and kid-friendly-family places here!

SEND ★

Alexandra A.

Connecticut 7 days ago

Our North Stamford family needs a family friendly gym closer than 30min away.

SEND ★

Kathy G.

Connecticut 7 days ago

I would love o have an amazing facility like this so close to my home and a wonderful place to bring my son.

SEND ★

Nicole S.

Connecticut 7 days ago

- jobs - healthy fitness options for families - improved infrastructure in the area

SEND ★

Danielle C.

Connecticut 7 days ago

This city is growing, and if we want more people to be moving here, especially to North Stamford, then we have to move with the times and to offer great things and attractions.

SEND ★

Shannon L.

Connecticut 7 days ago

Lifetime is a amazing facility. My whole family benefits from it.

SEND ★

Donna M.

Connecticut 8 days ago

Lifetime is absolutely amazing and would love to bring it to Stamford!

SEND ★



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Nina F.

Connecticut

8 days ago

A state of the art facility will bring lots of new amenities , have more child related programs and of course create more jobs in North Stamford where there is no where like this in that area.

SEND ★

marni a.

Connecticut

8 days ago

convenient location!

SEND ★

Ron B.

Connecticut

8 days ago

It's in an office park. Great idea and addition to North Stamford.

SEND ★

Nicole R.

Connecticut

8 days ago

Would love to have a facilities with all these activities in my area. There is nothing like this in our city.

SEND ★

Christine S.

Connecticut

8 days ago

Would love to have a facility like this close to us!

SEND ★

Daniella V.

Connecticut

8 days ago

Pilates and yoga

SEND ★

Dennis G.

Connecticut

8 days ago

Want a great gym close to me

SEND ★



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Joseph M.

Connecticut

8 days ago

Their is no local gym in the area that has the benefits, classes, programs and fitness equipment that can compare to Lifetimes fitness. I currently drive all the way to white plains to use their facility there.

SEND ★

Greg R.

Connecticut

8 days ago

A quality gym for the whole family. Besides being the only gym in the Turn of River and North Stamford area.

SEND ★

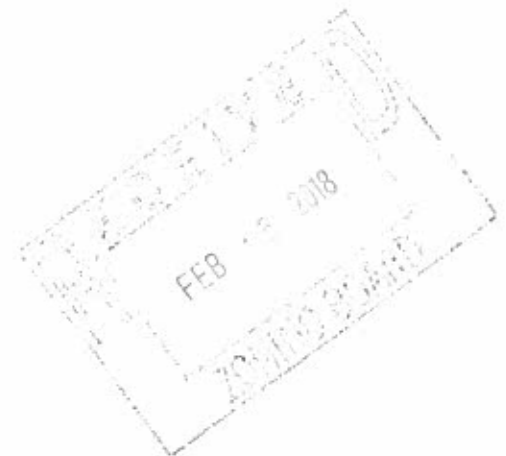
Mike Z.

Connecticut

8 days ago

Wonderful club for the whole family!

SEND ★



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