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To: General Assembly

Re: Raised Bill No. 664 – An Act Concerning Transportation Networks

The Northwestern Connecticut Transit District (NWCTD) fully supports the above referenced bill. There are many seniors in Northwest Connecticut that would benefit from this specialized service. NWCTD provides transportation in Northwest Connecticut and have received many requests from clients that require a one on one type of service and, unfortunately, the district has to deny these requests.

Elderly residents who have out-patient procedures, dialysis, chemotherapy etc. do not feel well enough or have enough strength to travel long distance in the rural areas on a crowded bus waiting to get back to the comforts of their home. They have often requested different means than a bus to get them home and the district is not equipped to handle that kind of situation.

The success of an independent transportation service is vital in order to meet the special medical needs of the elderly in this area. NWCTD looks forward to working with Advisory Committee to make this happen.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Carol L. Deane'.

Carol L. Deane
Executive Director