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**Transportation Committee
Public Hearing
March 11, 2009**

**In Support of RB 1093 AA Providing Funds for Municipal Matching Grants for
Demand-Responsive Transportation for Elderly Persons and Persons with
Disabilities
In Support of SB 735 AA Improving Bicycle and Pedestrian Access
In Support of HB 5640 AAC The Improvement of Public Access to Transit Stops**

Dear Senator DeFronzo, Rep. Guerrero and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Transit for Connecticut, I want to thank you for your support of bus transit in the state.

An integral part of transportation service for Connecticut residents is the Dial-A-Ride Program provided by municipalities with the help of matching grants from the state. The Dial-A-Ride Program is essential to the quality of life for many senior citizens and persons with disabilities. As the population ages and seniors want to stay in their homes, it is necessary that funding for the program be continued. Please support RB 1093.

It is also vital that residents have proper access to bus stops and bus services. With emphasis on energy conservation and healthy lifestyles, the number of walkers and bicyclists is growing. These residents along with residents living in close proximity to bus stops and transit service need proper access if they want to use public transit. To alleviate congestion on our roads, help clean up our air, get people to their jobs and facilitate walking and bicycling improved access to bus stops and transit services is needed. Please support SB 735 and HB 5640.

Thank you for your consideration.

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