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Testimony before the Transportation Committee  
*Senate Bill No. 737*  
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Good Afternoon Chairmen DeFronzo and Guerrero, Ranking Members Boucher and Scribner, and members of the Transportation Committee.

I am here today to speak in favor of Senate *Bill 737 AAA A Boy Scout "Coffee Stop" On I-95*. If adopted this would allow Boy Scout Troop 24 of East Lyme to use the Waterford Weigh Station during Labor Day weekend to operate a coffee stop. The Niantic Boy Scouts have served the community and region for over 20 years. Their service has been a benefit for public safety as people who travel late into the night can stop for a free cup of coffee and a snack.

Additionally, the donations generated from the coffee stop, have been distributed to dozens of organizations throughout the region. These funds have helped seniors, veterans, children, and other charitable groups. The coffee stop has always been well managed by the Boy Scouts, their parents and other caring citizens.

It is important that government promote volunteerism, which enhances the quality of life for all. I respectfully ask for your support of Senate **Bill No. 737**. Thank you.

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