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**Transportation Committee Public Hearing
R.B. 5460 AAC The Transportation Strategy Board**

Dear Sen. DeFronzo, Rep. Guerrera and members of the Transportation Committee,

I write in support of R.B. 5460, AAC The Transportation Strategy Board.

As a member of the Board, I applaud current and past members of the Transportation Strategy Board (TSB) for their dedication and commitment to helping Connecticut maintain and improve its transportation system to meet the needs of the 21st century. And the needs are many!

The proposal to give the Board greater independence and include representation from the Transportation Committee is needed to increase the Board's ability to identify significant statewide transportation issues and recommend a statewide strategy to the Governor and legislature. Having staff with expertise in strategic transportation planning and working directly with the Department of Transportation allows the Board to develop and oversee implementation of the state's long-range transportation plan.

The additional language allowing for the Board to elect a Chair and Vice Chair is helpful to the smooth and consistent operation of the TSB.

I urge the Transportation Committee to support R.B. 5460.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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