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Emailed to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee for the March 7th Public Hearing

Dear Sen. Daily, Rep. Widlitz and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Transit for Connecticut, a statewide coalition of 31 business, social service, environmental, planning, transportation and civic organizations dedicated to increasing awareness of the benefits of bus transit and advocating for increased investment in transit, I urge you to support SB 1004, AAC the Authorization of Special Tax Obligation Bonds of the State for Certain Transportation Purposes.

During these difficult economic times, transit is needed more than ever. Transit benefits the economy and the environment and improves the quality of life for all residents. Studies have shown that every \$1 invested in transit generates a \$3 return. Investment in transit creates jobs and gets people to their jobs.

The bonding proposal presented by the Governor in SB 1004 will maintain and improve transit service in the state. I urge your support of the bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

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