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Jose Negron Testimony for Bus Transportation

Good morning, Members of the Transportation Committee:

My name is Jose Negron and I come before you to ask for your support in designating funds for public transportation in Waterbury that would make it possible for evening bus service. I am a second semester student at NVCC and I greatly depend on the public transportation. The reason I depend on this so much is because no one in my family drives. I am currently majoring in Fire Technology and Administration and some of the classes that I am required to take are only offered in the evenings. Many of the classes for my major are taught by people in the Fire Industry so they need to be held at night and it is not possible to take them during the day. The problem with this is that sometimes I am forced to depend on random people for a ride home because the buses stop running up to the school at 5:30 pm. If bus service were increased into the evening I would be assured a safe and reliable way to get home after my classes. I believe it is unjustified for our neighboring cities including New Haven, and Bridgeport to have evening bus services and Waterbury to just be left out.

I am asking you to please approve funding for public transportation in Waterbury so that Bus service can be increased into the evening. My ability and the ability of many other students to be able to get to and from classes safely and reliably depends on having increased access to public transportation.

I thank you for the opportunity to testify and I would be happy to answer any questions.