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Transit for Connecticut

Helping People, the Economy and the Environment

Appropriations Committee
February 25, 2014

Governor's Proposed Budget
TEIP (Transportation Employment Independence Program) Funding

Dear Sen. Bye, Rep. Walker and Members of the Appropriations Committee,

On behalf of Transit for Connecticut, a statewide coalition of 33 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 service, I request your consideration of reinstating \$1 million to the TEIP Program.

The TEIP Program, contained in the DSS budget, provides funding for a variety of programs and services managed by the five regional job access partnerships in the state. The loss of TEIP funds will affect the Jobs Access Program and disproportionately affect those people who rely on public transportation. Loss of TEIP funding reduces the ability of people to get to their jobs and can leave citizens stranded with no options.

In these difficult financial times, I urge you to reconsider the proposed reduction in the TEIP funding.

Thank you.

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