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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 230 AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE CONNECTICUT TROLLEY MUSEUM

Dear Senator LeBeau, Representative Perone, Senator Frantz, Representative Lavielle and esteemed members of the Commerce Committee,

I submit this testimony in support of Senate Bill 230, An Act Authorizing Bonds of the State for the Connecticut Trolley Museum.

I write to express my full support in the Connecticut Trolley Museum's request for a bond package in order to expand the size of the Museum. The Connecticut Trolley Museum plays an integral part not only in the town of East Windsor, but in the neighboring towns as well as the entire state as a whole. It serves not only visitors, but it also benefits local businesses through contracting out operating necessities such as office supplies to specialized parts to track construction and maintenance.

The Museum has put together a three phase construction project which will enhance its facilities and aim to increase the amount of visitors as well as the quality of their visit. After phase one of the plan is complete, an estimated additional 20,000 guests are expected to visit each year. That would almost double the amount of current visitors, and would greatly increase the economic activity as well as the need for more staff. Additionally, with one-third of visitors being from out of state, the local municipalities would greatly benefit as they would see an increase in lodging, dining, shopping, etc.

I urge the committee's favorable consideration of Senate Bill 230.

Respectfully,

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