

Dear Sirs,

Please consider SB29 the bill enabling more transportation bonding.

By virtue of its dense population and proximity to NYC, Connecticut's future is tied to its mass transit. This is just reality-outside of any more idealistic environmental arguments. The recent mishaps on MetroNorth, one of the state's greatest assets, shows a need for more funds-regardless of whatever oversight is set up going forward on the trains.. Also, money spent on transportation has a multiplicative effect on the state's economy. It has a tendency to stay in our economy relative to some other kinds of expenditures. Concerned about property values? Nothing raises those like good public transit. This has been shown countless times all over the country. True, there has to be more oversight of this increased funding-but we need to borrow a little more to get it in the first place.

Best Regards,
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