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Dear Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee,

I am State Senator Michael McLachlan, and I write today in support of Senate Joint Resolution 23, *Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the State Constitution Limiting the Use of Moneys Contained in the Special Transportation Fund.*

In a 2013 report card on the nation's infrastructure conducted by The American Society of Civil Engineers, Connecticut's roads are listed as the worst in the nation tied with Illinois. Connecticut's highway system ranks near the bottom, and we have countless deficient bridges. The state needs to provide motorists the peace of mind that the roads and bridges they are traveling on are safe, and they will be able to reach their destination safely.

The state needs to be able to fund projects that will improve our infrastructure. This is the reason why I am in favor of SJ 23. The Special Transportation Fund should only be used to fund transportation projects. Governors should not be able to raid this fund to balance their budgets. We owe it to our constituents to provide them with as much safety as possible while they travel our roads.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. I urge the committee to support its passage.

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