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I would like to provide testimony on the subject of gas taxes, and blocking them from use for anything but the special transportation fund.

This fund was put into place to ensure Connecticut citizens that the funds would be there to pay for much needed road and bridge repairs, and as it can be seen by the condition of the roads and bridges in the state, the money has been spent elsewhere. I further understand that the governor is looking to borrow \$57,000,000 to provide for some of those repairs, which makes no sense if there was already money earmarked by the special transportation fund to begin with. This practice of taxing citizens for gas at likely the highest rate in the nation and then using the money to try to balance the budget must stop. I see it like this, those taxes were supposed to buy us better and safer roads and bridges. We paid, we want our money's worth. Instead, we are spending our disposable income on more and more car repairs from damage caused by roads that are poorly maintained.

Force the taxes generated by the gas tax to be used for what they were intended, and balance the budget by reducing spending, rather than increasing taxes for the citizens. We will hopefully have better roads to travel and be able to pull more tourist trade and travel into the state, and use the additional income for balancing budgets, not our taxes.

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