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In Support of Governor's H.B. 6840

AN ACT CONCERNING INVESTMENTS IN CONNECTICUT'S TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Before the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

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Connecticut Fund for the Environment is a non-profit organization that, along with its bi-state program Save the Sound, works to protect and improve the land, air and water of Connecticut and Long Island Sound on behalf of its 5,500 members. We develop partnerships and use legal and scientific expertise to achieve results that benefit our environment for current and future generations.

Dear Sen. Fonfara, Representative Berger, and members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee:

Connecticut Fund for the Environment/Save the Sound submits this testimony **in support** of H.B.6840, AAC Investments in Connecticut's Transportation Infrastructure. These investments would help the state maintain existing transportation infrastructure and provide much needed improvements to our roads and bridges and bus and rail systems—all while retaining and creating jobs.

Whether a dad trying to drop kids off at afterschool programs or a worker taking the bus to her job, transportation affects the lives of everyone in Connecticut. Improving the systems we all rely on is critical to building the state's economy, protecting our environment and ensuring residents have the transportation options they need. Specifically investments in transit services provide people with cost-effective ways of getting to work and helps reduce climate change inducing pollution. These projects can take years to come to fruition and the time to invest is now.

We ask that you support HB 6840. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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