Testimony of Jeffrey Santi of Storrs, Mansfield CT

My name is Jeffrey Santi. I am a student at the University of Connecticut involved with the non-partisan consumer advocaacy organization, UConnPIRG.

I want to thank Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrera and the members of the transportation committee for providing me this opportunity to speak.

I have no driver's license, and do not seek one. Not only is auto insurance expensive, cars are harmful to the environment, but most importantly automobiles are the least safe mode of transportation. People take this risk because trains and buses are inadequately implemented. A horrific automobile accident when my mom was younger left her too terrified of highways and bridges. We rely on other options to get around.

Research shows Millenials are choosing to drive less. I cannot stay in Connecticut after I graduate unless it provides suitable means of getting around other than cars.

Thank you