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Transportation Committee Public Hearing
February 25, 2015

In support of:
HJ No. 62 – Resolution Proposing a Constitutional Amendment to Require Certain Moneys to be Deposited in the Special Transportation Fund and to Limit the Use of Moneys in Said Fund; and RB 937 – AA Requiring all Moneys Directed to the Special Transportation Fund to be Deposited in Said Fund, and All Expenditures From Said Fund to be for Transportation Purposes

Dear Sen. Maynard, Rep. Guerrera and Members of the Transportation Committee,

On behalf of Transit for Connecticut, a statewide coalition of 33 business, social service, environmental, planning, transportation and civic organizations dedicated to increasing awareness of the benefits of bus transit and advocating for increased investment in transit service, I urge you to support all measures that would protect transportation funding.

Billions of dollars are needed to ensure that Connecticut's transportation infrastructure is properly maintained and operating efficiently. Improvement and expansion of our roads and transit network is essential to Connecticut's economic future. With federal funding stagnating, if not declining, Connecticut will have to carry a heavier share of the investment burden. It is important the state's Special Transportation fund receive and retain all funding generated by use of transit service, purchase of gasoline, and other fees and revenue sources. Establishing a "lock box" for Special Transportation Fund revenue and a guarantee that STF revenues be used only for state transportation projects will enhance the development of a strong foundation for future allocation of transportation funds. Please support HJ No. 62 and RB 937.

Thank you for your consideration

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