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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 5935 AN ACT LIMITING THE USE OF THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND

Good Morning Co-Chairs Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrera; Vice Chairs Senator Leone, Representative Arce; Ranking Members Senator Boucher, Representative O'Dea; and esteemed members of the Committee. My name is Sam Belsito and I am proud to represent the 53rd District, which encompasses the towns of Ashford, Tolland, and Willington. I am testifying in support of a bill I have proposed, HB 5935.

This bill will serve two purposes. First it will capture all funds that are collected on gasoline and other products necessary for vehicles. These funds will then be designated only for payment of expenses to be used on roads, bridges and other projects concerning transportation.

The second part of the bill will be the start of making the Connecticut budget open and available to the public. This will make openness and viewing of the budget easy. For the first time, collections of revenue will be place where they belong and not stored in the General Fund to be used anywhere within the State. The citizens will have a chance to view the funds collected and above all see exactly where they are spent.

Thank you for your consideration.

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