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CGA Transportation Committee

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Support For:

SB 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.

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The League of Women Voters of Connecticut is a non-partisan statewide organization comprised of 1600 members in 27 local chapters who are committed to effective public policy and the active participation of citizens in their government.

The League of Women Voters of Connecticut supports this Raised Bill that would require transportation funds to be deposited into the Special Transportation Fund and be used for transportation purposes.

The League has long supported measures ensuring that tax and other revenue raised for transportation purposes be used solely for such purposes. Past history in Connecticut has demonstrated that this is not always the case.

In light of the Governor's proposal that Connecticut begin a thirty-year program to rebuild and improve Connecticut's transportation infrastructure, the League believes that it is imperative that fiscal discipline be part of this program if it is to be successful. The League further hopes that this legislation prohibiting the diversion of transportation funds to other purposes will deter future governors and legislators with differing agendas from once again using transportation money to fund other priorities at the expense of Connecticut's transportation needs.

The League, therefore, supports SB 937 and urges its passage to protect transportation funds.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer our comments on this important piece of legislation.