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Senator John W. Fonfara, Co-Chair  
Representative Jeffrey J. Berger, Co-Chair  
Members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee  
Connecticut General Assembly  
Hartford, Connecticut

**Subject: Governor's Bill No. 6840 An Act Concerning Investments in Connecticut's Transportation Infrastructure**

Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

We urge the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee to support HB 6840, AAC Investments in Connecticut's Transportation Infrastructure.

Current funding levels are inadequate to fund the repairs and improvements needed to preserve, improve, rebuild, and add capacity to Connecticut's transportation systems. The bill includes critically important bonding requests that will allow the state to maintain its existing transportation infrastructure and provide much needed improvements to our roads and bridges and bus and rail systems.

The quality of our transportation system directly affects the lives of everyone in our state. Getting people to work, moving goods and carrying out daily activities depend on a reliable, modern transportation system. An improved transportation system is critical to improving the state's economy and environment and offering residents a range of transportation options. We lose hundreds of millions of dollars annually due to congestion on our roads.

Last year, August 2014, the undersigned penned a transportation priority statement around several key themes: protect transportation funding from diversion, expedite transportation projects, plan for an uncertain future and invest limited resources wisely. This bill is a major step forward in addressing the themes articulated in the statement.

This bill is a critical down payment for the state to advance important transportation priorities. This bill provides the basis for the state to ensure it will be able to continue to provide safe and efficient mobility for all travelers in Connecticut. The proposal provides the basis for a comprehensive transportation program with a combination of transportation investments across all transportation modes. This funding in this bill is a priority for the state to move forward to address its sizeable transportation needs.

We believe that the time to act is now to provide for safe and efficient transportation in Connecticut going into the future. We urge the Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Committee to support H.B. 6840, AAC Investments in Connecticut's Transportation Infrastructure.

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