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Chairman Guerrero, members of the Transportation Committee, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony to you electronically.

My name is Ralph Eno, I am First Selectman in the Town of Lyme and I also serve of the Board of Directors of our Estuary Transit District. The board and I wish to register our opposition to SB 262 which would require that municipalities and transit districts operating transit vehicles be subject to the same DOT inspections which private carriers must perform.

The state Department of Transportation already oversees the maintenance programs of both rural operators and municipalities running transit vehicles. This is accomplished via the 5311 and 5310 programs which fund the acquisition of transit vehicles and why, as I understand it, the DOT also opposes this bill.

This proposed legislation would impact every transit district in the state as well as municipalities such as the Town of Madison which operates its own buses for its senior and disabled residents.

As a public entity, the safety of our passengers and employees is our number one priority. There is no reason why we would not hold ourselves to the highest standards where fleet maintenance is concerned. Further, the logistics of compliance with yet another maintenance hurdle could compromise the number of vehicles we have in service on any given day thereby resulting in a negative impact on our ridership.

The Town of Lyme and the Estuary Transit District respectfully request that you oppose SB 262 as it would impose a redundant burden on both municipalities and transit districts.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,  
Ralph Eno  
1<sup>st</sup> Selectman  
Town of Lyme

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name "Ralph Eno", written in a cursive style.