

The F&F Concrete Corporation

MATERIALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

House Joint Resolution No. 1 Resolution Proposing a State Constitutional Amendment to Protect The Resources of The Special Transportation Fund

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Public Hearing, Transportation Committee

My name is Lauren Forgione and I am the Treasurer of The F&F Concrete Corporation. Our Business is headquartered in Plantsville, CT and employs 36 Connecticut Workers.

F&F Concrete Corporation **supports** this Resolution that would establish the Special Transportation Fund as a perpetual fund and ensure that revenues deposited into the Special Transportation Fund would be used for transportation purposes.

It is well established that Connecticut's infrastructure is aging and inadequate to meet today's demands; almost half, 47% -of state-maintained roads are in "fair" or "poor" condition. 70% of our bridges are 50 years or older, an issue we can no longer put off for both safety and economical reasons.

Ease of transportation is vital to the state's economy, and as we continue to lose businesses and residents in this State, we cannot afford to compromise in this area. Corporate executives rate highway accessibility as the #1 factor in site selection decision, according to 88.3% of respondents in Area Developments 29th Annual Corporate survey. Passage of this Joint Resolution is key to the state's ability to deliver much needed improvements across all modes of transportation. It lays a solid foundation in much needed transportation investments.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on this important issue. If you have questions or would like to discuss this in more detail, please contact me at (860)628-9674 x11 or lforgione@ffconcrete.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

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