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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
REGARDING HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1
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I am Paul W. Brady, Executive Director of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Connecticut (ACEC/CT), representing over 90 engineering firms providing independent engineering services to the public and private sector.

On behalf of ACEC/CT, I would like offer our members' support for a constitutional amendment that would ensure that transportation-related revenues are deposited in the Special Transportation Fund and that those funds are used for transportation purposes only.

With the Governor's *Let's Go CT* transportation initiative, the Department of Transportation is faced with a tremendous list of projects that must be planned, designed, constructed and inspected. These projects are necessary to ensure the safety of the traveling public and form the basis of economic development and growth in Connecticut.

In order to build public support for the revenue increases that will be necessary to rebuild our transportation infrastructure, we must give them confidence that their user fees will be spent for the purpose they intended. National surveys show consistent support for increasing fees that will be dedicated to improving their commute and improving the economy.

A constitutional lockbox will save taxpayers money because the state will be able to pay less interest for bonds that are protected by a constitutional lockbox.

Thank you for your consideration.

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