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Good morning and thank you for taking the time to hear all of our statements. My name is Dana Briere and I am the Operations Manager for Bloomfield Transport & Sweeping located in Bloomfield, Ct. I have nine low bed tractor trailers that move over-size construction equipment throughout New England.

Let me start by saying that I'm opposed to the proposed version of the Lockbox. I understand our state's ongoing fiscal crisis and its efforts to both cut costs and come up with ideas to increase revenue.

At this point in time I pay fees higher than surrounding states in regard to truck registrations, fuel, oversize permits, etc. Now with this proposed Constitutional Amendment I have no idea where the \$100 Billion will be generated. Will my already high fees go even higher? Will tolls be added to my operating expenses?

In regard to the Lockbox proposal I have areas of concern. As written it seems that much of the \$100 Billion that the state is looking to raise could, down the road, be diverted to other areas of government. So once again, the onus of financial burden seems to be put on the trucking companies and other travelers of the state in the form of yet more and perhaps higher fees, yet the collected funds could then be used for purposes outside of transportation improvements and maintenance.

I have an added burden that many trucking companies in the state don't have, that being moving oversize equipment. Due to the condition of our current highway system I'm forced to travel off of our interstates and travel secondary roads just to get from location to location. This costs me time and money in additional transport time due to longer routing as well as jeopardizing safety due to the use of taking less than optimal routing. My

trip from Bloomfield to the Greenwich area is fraught with roundabout highway routings and then having to use rte 1 from Bridgeport to Greenwich. If that isn't bad enough, I'm forced to take detours off of rte 1 itself. My point being our roads are bad now and only getting worse.

I share this story of moving oversize equipment so you get an idea of what those of us in the business of moving large equipment in Ct are up against. The bigger the load, the worse the roads that we are forced to use. The insult to injury being the additional fees being charged to us to then have to use less favorable routed roads.

In closing, I understand your plight, but please don't rush to fix our situation by passing amendments that don't help us in the long term. Ct businesses that use our highways (which are "all" of them in one way, shape, or form) can't afford to be hit in the wallet with more fees just to then watch those collected fees that were earmarked for road improvement then be disbursed to cover shortfalls in other areas of govt.

We seem to have more businesses leaving the state then coming, my livelihood as well as that of every other business owner in Ct. is now in the hands of each of you as you go fourth with your decision making. As Mark Twain once said, "Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest."

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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