

Hello and thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns regarding the Transportation Fund and the proposed Lockbox.

My name is Bob Hamilton. I am the Director of Fleet Maintenance for Bozzuto's Inc. with locations in Cheshire and North Haven Connecticut employing 1400 people. I am pleased to note that Bozzuto's is the largest Connecticut based private trucking company.

I am opposed to the proposed version of the Lockbox because I don't believe it is strong enough to prevent future diversions of revenue. If our Constitution fails to specifically identify the taxes and fees we pay by naming them right in the Constitution, as well as the sole purpose of the fund, I fear our Government will not abide by the Lockbox.

We hear daily about the current budget deficit and the budget cuts being made this year and years to come. The weak Lockbox would allow Transportation revenues to be diverted. I do not want to see other areas of government to be subsidized by the Transportation revenues.

I fear huge increases in the cost of doing business in the state of Connecticut. These costs will only be passed on to our customers. My company is a distributor of grocery products in the Northeast. Dramatic increases in costs will result in everyone paying more for staples like bread and milk at their grocery stores. This will be exacerbated if taxes and fees are increased and then diverted as opposed to being reinvested in our infrastructure. Our business would just be paying more to have our trucks sit in the same traffic. We want to focus on growing our business and provide for our customers, not paying higher and newer taxes that are not protected.

Our Constitution needs to clearly indicate the sources of transportation revenue that will be put into the Special Transportation Fund in order to fix "the state's decaying and inadequate infrastructure" given the current fiscal situation our state is in. I hope you understand my concern and desire for a stronger lockbox.

Thank you for your time and consideration.