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## CGA Transportation Committee

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### Support For:

HJ-1: RESOLUTION PROPOSING A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO  
PROTECT THE RESOURCES OF THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND

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The League of Women Voters of Connecticut is a non-partisan statewide organization comprised of 1600 members in 27 local chapters who are committed to effective public policy and the active participation of citizens in their government.

The League of Women Voters of Connecticut supports Governor's House Joint Resolution No. 1 (HJ-1) proposing an amendment to the Connecticut State Constitution to protect transportation funds from being used for non-transportation purposes. The League further supports the effort to put the proposed amendment before Connecticut's voters on the ballot of the general election to be held on November 8, 2016.

The League has long supported measures ensuring that tax and other revenue raised for transportation purposes be used solely for such purposes. However, past history in Connecticut has demonstrated that funds collected for transportation purposes are not always used to support Connecticut's transportation needs.

The League believes that it is imperative that fiscal discipline be part of any long-term program to rehabilitate and improve Connecticut's transportation infrastructure. The League further believes that a constitutional amendment prohibiting the diversion of transportation funds to other purposes will prevent future governors and legislators from using transportation money to fund other priorities at the expense of Connecticut's transportation needs.

The League, therefore, supports Governor's House Joint Resolution No. 1 and believes that the proposed amendment should be on the ballot in November. The League further hopes that the voters of Connecticut will support the amendment in November.

We appreciate the opportunity to offer our comments.