



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 David Oneglia and I am the President of O&G Industries, Inc. Our business is headquartered in Torrington, Connecticut. Our firm employs roughly 1,200 Connecticut Workers.

O&G **supports** House Joint Resolution 1 because it would establish the much needed Special Transportation Fund as a perpetual fund, and also would finally ensure that revenues deposited into the Special Transportation Fund would be dedicated to transportation purposes.

It is well established that Connecticut's transportation system is aging, generally outdated, and in great need of modernization. Thus, long-range planning and dedicated investment is absolutely necessary because an efficient transportation system allows companies to be more competitive by lowering transportation costs, which lowers production costs. An August 2009 Harvard Business Review article noted, "The congestion and bottlenecks of a transportation system strained beyond capacity" are complicating transportation logistics by "making supply chains seem even longer and more unpredictable."

Equally important, and not to be dismissed, is the issue of fairness and respect to all the motorists who are forced to pay the gas tax. They do so with the expectation that they are paying their fair share to support the infrastructure that they utilize every day. The diversion of transportation funds to non-related programs is exacerbating our transportation problems and signaling to the electorate that our political system is not committed or prepared to address this critical issue.

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More than ever, Connecticut needs to enhance its competitiveness so we can preserve and grow our economic base and create good opportunities for all.

Passage of this Joint Resolution is critical to our state's ability to remain vibrant.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important issue. If you have questions or would like to discuss in more detail, please contact me at 860.489.9261 or doneglia@ogind.com.

Respectfully Submitted:


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