

**House Joint Resolution No. 1:
Resolution Proposing a State Constitutional Amendment to
Protect the Resources of the Special Transportation Fund**

**Public Hearing, Joint Transportation Committee
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Written Testimony on Behalf of the Capitol Region Council of Governments

The Capitol Region Council of Governments is made up of 38 towns and cities and just under 1 million residents. Transportation investments are crucial to the region's future from the I-84 Viaduct replacement to enhanced rail services to New Haven and New York and to Boston, as examples.

CRCOG supports the Resolution that calls for a Constitutional Amendment that would establish a "lockbox" for revenues deposited in the Special Transportation Fund (STF) ensuring that those revenues be used for transportation purposes only.

Billions of dollars are needed to ensure that Connecticut's transportation infrastructure is properly maintained and operating efficiently in the coming decades to improve and expand our transportation and transit network.

Assuring that funds collected for transportation purposes will only be spent for that purpose is a building block to have the public feel confident in transportation investment programs that are so important to our state's future.

CRCOG supports moving ahead with the lockbox amendment.

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