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Date: February 25, 2016

To: The Transportation Committee

RE: Constitutional Amendment Establishing a Transportation Funding Lockbox

From: Mary Tomolonius, CACT Executive Director

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The Connecticut Association for Community Transportation (CACT) urges you to support Governor's House Joint Resolution No. 1 "A Resolution Proposing a State Constitutional Amendment to Protect the Resources of the Special Transportation Fund" that requires all moneys designated for the Special Transportation Fund be used for transportation purposes only.

The Special Transportation Fund was initially created in 1983 with revenues in the fund to be used for transportation related projects. Throughout the intervening years, those funds have unfortunately been used for non-transit items. We urge the legislators to deposit transit revenues into the STF and utilize them for transit projects *only* by supporting the "lockbox" amendment. Polls continue to show the public believes that public transportation is an important investment.

The Governor's *Let's Go CT*, a thirty-year vision and five-year ramp up plan addresses the infrastructure, capital and operating needs to ensure a transportation system that will be economically sound, environmentally safe and reduce the congestion that is blocking our state from growth.

A transportation "lockbox" will restore the public's confidence that transportation revenue will be used for transportation purposes.

We can't say let's do this next year, we need to stand together and pass the "lockbox" amendment so our residents have the opportunity to vote on it this November.

If CACT may be of assistance to you, please contact me at (860) 693-0368. CACT's email address is mary.cact@yahoo.com. Thank you.