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**To:** tratestimony  
**Subject:** Please Pass SB-3

To the members of the Joint Transportation Committee:

Unfortunately, my business schedule prohibits my personal appearance at the committee meeting on March 2, so I respectfully ask that you allow this email to represent me. I am not a Connecticut native - but I have spent nearly half my life in this state, and it is my home of choice. I live and work here because I love our state, and yet I must acknowledge that it has some significant areas for improvement. One of the largest of these is Connecticut's business environment. As we have witnessed recently by the departure of GE's headquarters to Massachusetts, our wonderful state needs to learn to create a more business friendly environment. When our anchor companies are moving to places like Massachusetts for a more business friendly environment, we need to wake up. Massachusetts, of all places!

Tesla is an innovative company, with a product that sets it apart from any other company in the U.S., if not the world. Their cars set new standards for performance, design, and of course environmental friendliness. They are emissions free, highly efficient, and extraordinary in their comfort and performance. I have recently purchased a new Tesla, which I test drove in New York, ordered in New York, and financed through a bank in Texas. I take delivery this coming Saturday. I have dealt with no fewer than six people who could have been employed in Connecticut, but are not because of our unfriendly regulatory environment related to Tesla's unique business model. Our wonderful state will get some sales tax from the arrangement, but we've missed out on a lot of other benefit through our narrow thinking, close-minded approach to the auto industry.

Why wouldn't we want Tesla to invest in our state? Why wouldn't we want Tesla to employ people in our state? Why wouldn't we want Connecticut financial institutions to be providing the \$90,000 in financing that I've secured for this purchase?

Please, please, please pass SB-3, and create a competitive, business friendly environment that will allow Tesla to invest in our state.

Thank you.

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