Transit for Connecticut
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Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee
Public Hearing – March 9, 2017

In Support of:
SB 788 – An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and Other Purposes

Dear Senators Fonfara and Franz, Rep. Rojas and members of the Committee,

On behalf of Transit for Connecticut, a statewide coalition of 33 business, environmental, social service, planning, transportation, and civic organizations advocating for improved and expanded bus service, I request your support of the Governor’s proposed transportation bonding requests contained in SB 788.

The Governor’s transportation bonding requests will allow the state to maintain its existing transportation infrastructure and provide needed improvements to our roads and bridges and bus and rail systems. Specifically in regards to transit service, transit is an economic tool providing people with the mobility that aids employment, helps reduce congestion and pollution and allows communities to provide necessary connections to major locations. In addition, studies have shown that every $1 invested in transit generates a $4 return. Investment in transit not only creates jobs but it gets people to their jobs.

It is a critical time for transportation in our state. Please approve the funding necessary to maintain existing bus service and provide the groundwork for the increased transit service that is needed now and in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

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