

Connecticut General Assembly – Transportation Committee

Public Hearing February 15, 2017

**Senate Bill No. 501 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF TUNNELS FOR INTERSTATE ROUTES 84 AND 91 IN THE HARTFORD REGION**

My name is John Chunis. I live at 40 Deerfield Run in Rocky Hill. I have been a resident and taxpayer in Connecticut since 1975. I oppose this bill.

With the current financial crisis the State is in, we can simply not afford to take on this project at this time.

I have been told by my State Senator that the State doesn't have the money to exempt Social Security benefits from the State income tax for those people who are living on fixed incomes. We clearly can't afford to take on additional bond payments at this time, especially when our State Pension system is in financial crisis.

I urge that this bill be tabled for a future date when the State gets back to better financial health. Until then, we will just have to live what we have and what we can currently afford.