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Transportation Committee**

**Testimony Submitted by Commissioner Joseph Giulietti
Department of Transportation**

Proposed H.B. 5423 - An Act Concerning the Expansion of Passenger Train and Ground Transportation Services in Eastern Connecticut.

The Department of Transportation (CTDOT) respectfully offers the following comments on Proposed H.B.5423, An Act Concerning the Expansion of Passenger Train and Ground Transportation in Eastern Connecticut.

Additional funding would be required for the Department to conduct a feasibility study and operational plan as outlined in the bill. Information on market opportunities, infrastructure capabilities and operating alternatives would need to be obtained and analyzed. The study would further require the Department to work with Amtrak, owner of the Northeast Corridor in eastern Connecticut and Rhode Island, as well as Rhode Island and Massachusetts officials to identify the opportunities associated with expanded rail service.

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