



State of Connecticut
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Transportation Committee
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In **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 241

An Act Concerning Oversight and Transparency at the Connecticut Port Authority

Vice Chairman Cassano, Chairman Lemar, and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee, we are here to testify in **support** of Senate Bill 241, *An Act Concerning Oversight and Transparency at the Connecticut Port Authority*.

We'd like to begin our remarks by thanking the leadership of this committee for hearing this critical legislation. As most of you are aware, the past difficulties experienced by the Connecticut Port Authority, as reported by the legislature's Auditors of Public Accounts and chronicled by the media, highlight the urgent need to establish proper governing protocols and procedures, clear reporting requirements, appropriate fiscal controls, among other policies.

Taken together, the measures outlined in this bill will have a profound effect on ensuring that this particular quasi-public agency operates in a transparent manner. As policymakers, we have an obligation to ensure that there is proper oversight, and when lapses occur, that we have the tools necessary to hold agencies and staff accountable.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in **support** of Senate Bill 241. We look forward to working with the leadership and members of this committee on this bill's passage.

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