



TESTIMONY BY MAYOR MARCIA LECLERC, TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD

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H.J. 1, Resolution Proposing A State Constitutional Amendment To Protect The Resources Of The Special Transportation Fund.

Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero and the members of the Transportation Committee.

Good morning. My name is Marcia Leclerc and I am the Mayor of East Hartford. I am before you today to encourage your support of H.J. 1, Resolution Proposing A State Constitutional Amendment To Protect The Resources Of The Special Transportation Fund.

I applaud the efforts of this committee and Governor Dannel P. Malloy to push for a constitutional amendment to create a lockbox that would protect an investment of \$100 billion over 30 years towards Connecticut's transportation infrastructure. Protecting the revenue which will fund our state's roads and bridges would ensure we provide the needed capital to support and bolster Connecticut's aging roads and bridges. In order to revitalize and rebuild the crumbling transportation systems that transverse not only East Hartford, but the State of Connecticut, we must provide and invest in the necessary funds which will directly impact the future of our state's economic growth and competitiveness with our neighboring states.

With a significant investment in our transportation infrastructure, there is a trickle-down investment into the economic development of the towns and cities that dot the landscape of this state. The success of our state hinges on our ability to properly move people and products within it.

Connecticut is the crossroads of New England and our neighbors in every direction have been benefitting from the use our roadways, while our bridges and highways continue to crumble. It is time drastic and new action is taken to bolster our state's transportation infrastructure and strongly position Connecticut to compete on a national scale. I applaud this committee and Governor Malloy for your efforts to adopt a constitutional amendment that will help create a modernized transportation system of tomorrow.

I strongly urge your support of H.J. 1, Resolution Proposing A State Constitutional Amendment To Protect The Resources Of The Special Transportation Fund.

Thank you for your time today.

Sincerely,

Marcia A. Leclerc
Mayor, Town of East Hartford