

Members of the Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee,

It is imperative that Connecticut not continue to widen interstates and state routes in the face of the climate crisis. The induced demand of interstate widening increases driving, increases pressure to develop farms and forests as sprawl, and overall will increase motor vehicle emissions. These investments have an impact for 50+ years and we have no more time to waste as a state, region, and nation to start investing in sustainable and resilient transportation systems that are much less dependent on fossil fuels. The adoption of electric vehicles is only a partial solution and must be complemented by significant shifts to bus transit, rail, and active transportation. Those must be the state's investment priorities, not widening interstates.

Thank you for your service,

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