

Dear Co-Chairs, Ranking Members, and Members of the Appropriations Committee,

Connecticut must maintain the funding and the express services with the view that we are not finished with the pandemic and expect ridership to continue to return as the mass vaccination plan continues. The services need to be in place after July 1. Building trust and awareness in bus transit takes months or years to establish. Cutting the essential service can set back this transportation mode for years beyond the period when service is cut.

Thank you for consideration of my comments.

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