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## House Joint Resolution No. 1 Resolution Proposing A State Constitutional Amendment To Protect The Resources of The Special Transportation Fund

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### Public Hearing, Transportation Committee

Connecticut Construction Industries Association, Inc. is comprised of more than 300 members. Our members include contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and affiliated organizations representing various sectors of the construction industry.

CCIA **supports** this Resolution that would establish the Special Transportation Fund as a perpetual fund and ensure that revenues deposited into the Special Transportation Fund would be used for transportation purposes.

It is well established that Connecticut's aging and inadequate transportation systems are an impediment and are hampering all modes of travel. The state's mounting transportation problems, left unaddressed, will become a significant hindrance to safe travel, economic development, protecting the environment, and sustaining the quality of life across the state.

The Connecticut Department of Transportation estimates that it will cost \$60 billion over the next thirty years to sustain the level of service on the state's transportation systems that exists today. This means that state transportation investments have to double over this time period. Dependable, stable funding is the key to success. Any diversion, pause or interruption of transportation funding in future years will increase the potential of failing to meet these needs, moving us closer to closing roads and bridges, and cutting service on public transportation.

Ensuring that collected revenues will be dedicated to transportation purposes will instill public confidence in the state's ability to deliver on a promise of much needed improvements across all modes of transportation. It lays a solid foundation for good public policy going forward as the state takes action on much needed transportation investments.

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*For more than 80 years, CCIA has represented the commercial construction industry in Connecticut, carrying on its founding members' belief in the power of collective action and cooperation to grow the industry. One of the Association's oldest entities, the Connecticut Road Builders Association, was formed in 1933. CCIA is an organization of associations, where various segments of the commercial construction industry work together to advance and promote their shared interests. CCIA is comprised of over 300 members, including contractors, subcontractors, material producers, equipment and material suppliers, professionals such as accountants, attorneys, engineers, surety and insurance companies, as well as other professionals allied with the state's construction industry.*



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