TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 5419
AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEDERAL CLEAN AIR ACT FEE ON MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

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On behalf of the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters (CTLCV), thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony IN SUPPORT of HB 5419 to ensure that revenues collected for clean air, greenhouse gas reduction and other environmental purposes are used as intended on clean transportation initiatives.

Transportation pollution accounts for 38% of total greenhouse gas emissions in our state, hurting our air and water quality, and our public health. To slow our climate crisis, Connecticut needs to take important steps to invest in clean transportation and clean energy. HB 5419 aims to clean and improve our transportation system.

The revenue generated from the Clean Air Act Fee can be invested in bus system improvements, vehicle electrification, biking and walking paths and more. Connecticut has lofty electric vehicle goals and this bill can will help us achieve those targets.

HB 5419 is a logical and much needed step in the right direction for Connecticut’s fight against climate change. CTLCV urges the committee to support HB 5419. Thank you for your consideration as you deliberate this bill.

Sincerely,

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