



TESTIMONY IN **SUPPORT OF CHANGES to LCO #373**
AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF CONNECTICUT'S
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

January 31, 2020

To: Honored Chairs Sen. Leone and Rep. Lemar and Distinguished Members of the Transportation Committee

From: Emily Alexander, Connecticut League of Conservation Voters

On behalf of the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters (CTLCV), thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **IN SUPPORT OF CHANGES to LCO #373** to address concerns of Connecticut's transportation infrastructure.

We are pleased to see that each transportation project will include considerations relating to the environment, traffic congestion, transit-oriented development, access to employment, and more. As we work to ensure that our infrastructure is in a good state for years to come, we also need to consider the impact our current infrastructure is having on our environment and our most vulnerable communities.

Connecticut's transportation sector contributes 38% of our total greenhouse gas emissions. Investments in active transportation, public transportation, and electric vehicle infrastructure are critical to meet our greenhouse gas reduction goals cited in the Global Warming Solutions Act, and to mitigate climate-related issues facing Connecticut.

In addition, the membership of the Transportation Policy Council should include a representative from the land-use and environmental advocacy community, public health community, and active transportation community. These voices in the room will be critical to ensuring a focus on reducing emissions.

We urge the committee to **make these changes and SUPPORT LCO #373**. Thank you for your consideration as you deliberate on this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily Alexander", written in a cursive style.

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