June 1, 2009

Dear Elected Official,

The Transit for Connecticut Coalition strongly opposes the Governor’s proposal to increase bus fares by 40 percent.

A 40 percent increase in bus fares:
- penalizes the people most reliant on public transit;
- disproportionately burdens the citizens who can least afford it; and
- negatively impacts the state’s efforts to encourage residents to use mass transit in order to alleviate congestion on our roads, reduce vehicle miles traveled and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Bus transit is essential to improving Connecticut’s economy and environment. Please oppose the 40 percent increase in bus fares when determining the upcoming biennial budget.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

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