



# The Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) Program in Connecticut

## CALL TO ACTION

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Connecticut has a chance to lead the way and support our Governor's bold leadership by participating in the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) Program. **Please contact your State Representative and Senator**, urging them to **support the TCI Program** and **SB.884**, An Act Reducing Transportation-Related Carbon Emissions.

### **Why do we need to pass this bill and support Governor Lamont's leadership on this issue?**

**There is a transportation crisis across the region and Connecticut is in the eye of the storm.** Traffic jams, delayed trains and buses, poor access to transit options, flooded and damaged roads and bridges, rural communities without broadband, polluted air, and the need to make our communities more walkable.

**Connecticut has some of the worst ozone pollution on the East Coast**, and that pollution makes people more susceptible to serious respiratory illnesses. Fixing our region's dirty and broken transportation system will clear the air, reduce healthcare costs, and help communities thrive.

**Communities of color are disproportionately harmed by the health impacts of vehicle pollution.** Traffic on Connecticut's major highways often slows to a crawl in Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport, and Waterbury, concentrating vehicle pollution in communities with higher-than-normal risk of asthma.

**Reliable, safe, and less polluting transportation offers a significant economic opportunity for Connecticut.** When goods and people can easily, efficiently, and affordably move around the region, companies are more likely to settle there, bringing with them jobs and economic growth. A few of the large Connecticut employers who support the TCI Program include Unilever, Siemens, and IKEA.

**High-speed internet is a lifeline, providing necessary services and professional and social connections, all while cutting lengthy commutes.** Proceeds from the TCI Program could be used to expand broadband access in rural parts of the state.

There are two weeks left in the session:

**this is our opportunity to make the TCI Program a reality.**

Please support Governor Lamont and his administration on this **must-win** issue.

For more information, see: [www.cttransportationfuture.org](http://www.cttransportationfuture.org)

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