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Delegate McIntosh & Vice Chair Gaines,

The Coalition for Smarter Transportation writes in support of ‘The Transit Benefit for State Employee Act (HB 201)’. Transit benefits move people. They get them out of their cars and into transit.

Studies have indicated that when transit benefits are introduced into the workplace one (1) in five (5) people convert from driving alone to taking transit¹. Inrix, a leading provider of transportation information just released a report showing that American drivers spend an average of 41 hours a year in traffic, costing American commuters \$305 billion, an average of \$1,445 per driver¹. This does not account for lost time or lost productivity. The mode shift that can be obtained through transit benefit programs can have a significant impact on congestion, air quality, and energy consumption, helping all users of the transportation system. We also note that employers will enjoy reduced tardiness, a happier, more productive workforce and will spend less time and money finding parking for their employees.

Submitted Respectfully,



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The Coalition for Smarter Transportation (CoaST) is an organization which consists of mobility providers, municipal agencies, universities, and other transportation stakeholders committed to advancing ‘Smarter Transportation’

¹ TransitCenter, “2010 Commuter Benefit Impact Survey,”
http://www.transitchek.com/uploadedFiles/Transit_Resources/IndustryInformation/2010_Commuter_Benefit_Impact_Survey.pdf.

² Inrix 2017 Congestion Scorecard - <http://inrix.com/press-releases/scorecard-2017/>



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