

Dear Members of the Board of Alders City Services and Environmental Planning Committee,

My name is Esperance Han, and I am writing to express my strong support for the New Haven Climate Movement's Transportation Transformation Resolution. As a Yale Student, I believe that investing in sustainable transportation is essential for addressing the climate crisis, improving public health, and fostering a more equitable city.

According to New Haven's Greenhouse gas inventory, in 2021 New Haven emitted 1.1million metric tons of CO2 emissions. Almost a quarter of that pollution has been caused from transportation sources. State wide, 38% of Connecticut's greenhouse emissions are from transportation.

New Haven is very CAR CENTRIC, which contributes to worse air pollution and congestion yearly. Reducing car dependence and expanding biking, walking, and public transit options are necessary steps to cut emissions and combat the climate crisis. We need the transportation transformation resolution passed to address these pressing issues that we care about.

New Haven has already recognized that we are in a climate emergency, and if we are serious about reaching our goal of ending community-wide emissions by 2030, we must act now to transform our transportation system.

This resolution will also address public health concerns related to air pollution, increase public transit accessibility, traffic safety, and economic benefits, as bike infrastructure and walkable neighborhoods support local businesses, reduces congestion and creates job opportunities.

The City of New Haven has taken important steps toward sustainability, but we must go further to meet our climate and public health goals. I urge the Board of Alders to pass this resolution and commit to real investments in sustainable transportation.

Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,  
Esperance Han