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WASHINGTON, D.C. Connecticut lawmakers today announced a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation in the amount of \$3,221,594 for the Job Access and Reverse Commute program (JARC). The funding will be administered through the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) for statewide expansion of transit services geared towards filling gaps between lower income Connecticut residents and regional job centers, job-training programs, and educational facilities.

These grants help strengthen the Connecticut economy by putting more people to work, said Dodd. There is no reason not to continue fully funding this highly successful initiative that enables more people to find employment.

I am extremely pleased that Connecticut has received these funds to improve public transportation to and from our urban areas, said Lieberman. Our lower income workers will now be able to find employment opportunities previously inaccessible to them via public transportation, bringing additional economic benefits to disadvantaged neighborhoods.

This funding will help keep Connecticut working, Johnson said. These important federal dollars will support Connecticut workers and help the state meet their transportation needs.

JARC helps welfare recipients and low income workers get where they need to go, said Shays. I am grateful for this funding and support of those in our community who need it most.

Providing low-income residents with the transportation they need to get back on the road to employment is important to economic and community development, said DeLauro. This funding will enhance Connecticut's ability to give those who want to work the means to do so.

This program has already helped thousands of low income workers in the Hartford area move from welfare to work, said Larson. With this new grant, citizens from all across the state will benefit from greater access to the transportation services and job training they need to succeed.

One of the keys to moving people from welfare to work and helping them keep a job is providing adequate and reliable transportation, said Simmons. The JARC program removes a large hurdle facing low-income workers, and I'm proud to have worked with our delegation on this issue.

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