



Young Conservatives of Texas Legislative Affairs

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Good morning. My name is Brianna Becker, I am a colleague of Mr. Oden, serving as Vice Chairman for Chapter Development for YCT. I am also a student at UT Austin, and speak in opposition of the bill.

I too would like to thank Chairman Carona, Vice Chairman Watson, and all of the members of the Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security for listening to us this morning.

I second Mr. Oden's testimony. However, in the spirit of compromise that so often characterizes this body, YCT is willing to support SB 1015 if it is altered to reflect Barack Obama's philosophy on government.

We suggest the following stipulations be added to the President Barack Obama highway:

Conditions for Supporting The President Barack Obama Highway Bill

1. A DART train runs down the middle of it
2. There are HOV lanes next to the DART tracks
3. The remaining lanes are congested
4. Tolls are placed on the road that increase or decrease based on a person's income.
5. The mineral rights under the road are owned by the Sierra Club (i.e. no domestic drilling)
6. SUVs are banned
7. The tolls include carbon offsets and congestion pricing
8. Checkpoints are set up every three miles to insure tires are properly inflated and cars are getting optimal gas mileage

These changes would more appropriately reflect President Obama's agenda, and would educate Texans on their President's proposals.

Unless these stipulations on the bill are met, Young Conservatives of Texas respectfully opposes this bill, and urges the Committee to reject it.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

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