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I WANTED TO ADD MY COMMENTS TO THE TESTIMONY IN REFERENCE TO:

**HB 5032 – An Act Concerning Operation of a Vessel While Under
the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor or Drugs,**

I CONTACTED THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE DUE TO THE DEATH OF MY DEAREST FRIEND, SUSAN BRANDES, PHD., A FEW DAYS AFTER TRAGIC DEATH.

I WANT TO EXPRESS MY WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT FOR GOVERNOR RELL'S PROPOSAL: HB 5032 AN ACT CONCERNING OPERATION OF A VESSEL WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR DRUGS.

SUSAN WAS IN FACT MURDERED BY A DRUNK BOATER, ALMOST 7 MONTHS AGO, BY A MAN WHO HAD NO REGARD FOR HIS OWN LIFE OR OTHERS. HE WAS A MAN IN THE NEED OF KILLING, SINCE HIS SENSES WERE DULLED BY HIS EXTREME INTOXICATION.

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND THE LEGISLATOR AN IDEA OF THE KIND OF PERSON SUSAN WAS. IN ADDITION TO BEING A WIFE, A DAUGHTER AND A MOTHER OF FOUR STEP CHILDREN, WHO SHE RAISED AS HER OWN. SHE WAS AN AVID SAILOR AND GOURMET COOK. IN ADDITION, SHE WAS ONE OF MY OLDEST AND DEAREST FRIENDS.

SUSAN'S PHD, WAS IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING, IN ENERGY RESEARCH. SPECIFICALLY, SHE WAS WORKING ON TURNING COAL, A FUEL AMERICA HAS A HUGE ABUNDANCE OF, INTO A LIQUID FUEL, SIMILAR TO DIESEL. NOT ONLY WAS SHE A GENIUS TO HELP UNLOCK THE MYSTERY OF CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS OF A DIRTY SOLID FUEL INTO A CLEAN LIQUID FUEL. HER GENIUS WAS ALSO IN BEING ABLE TO EXPLAIN THE PROCESS, IN LAYMAN'S TERMS, TO SOMEONE WITH A LIMITED SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND, AS MYSELF.

HER CURRENT JOB WAS ON FORMULATING A CLEAN FUEL FOR NASA'S HYPER PLANE, WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY BE REPLACING THE SPACE SHUTTLE. IT WILL ALSO REPLACE THE RETIRED SUPER SONIC TRANSPORT PLANE, A.K.A. THE CONCORD.

WE ALL LIKE TO THINK WE SHAPE THE FUTURE BY RAISING CHILDREN,
HOWEVER SUSAN, WAS TRULY A VISIONARY WHO EMBRACED THE FUTURE.

SHE ALSO VOLUNTEERED HER TIME, ON A BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE TO HELP
DESIGN AND/OR REDESIGN BUILDING S TO MEET TODAY'S "GREEN" STANDARDS,
WITHIN THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

HER ABUNDANT INGENUITY WAS ONE OF THE KEYS TO SOLVING OUR NATION'S
ENERGY CRISIS. FOR THAT REASON, I AM ASKING THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
TO NOT JUST PASS THIS BILL, BUT TO ALSO TURN INTO IN TO NEW LAW.

I AM IMPOSING UPON YOU BY ASKING THE FOLLOWING:

TO NAME THE LAW AFTER HER, IN THE SAME WAY THAT MEGAN'S LAW IS
NAMED FOR MEGAN KANKA. SUSAN PROVED, THAT SOMETIMES IT DOES TAKE A
ROCKET SCIENTIST SEE AND UNLOCK, THE MYSTERIES OF THE FUTURE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORT.

YOURS VERY TRULY,

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