



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



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SB 644 An Act Concerning Independent Transportation Networks

Good morning Sen. Harris, Rep. Villano and members of the Human Services Committee.

My name is Mary Ann Langton, and I live in West Hartford. I am a Disability Policy Specialist for the CT Council on Development Disabilities. I apologized for not being at this important hearing, but there is a CT Council on Developmental Disabilities meeting today.

The CT Council on Developmental Disabilities encourages your support for SB 644, which is An Act Concerning Independent Transportation Networks.

The Independent Transportation Networks will start to address the transportation barrier for people with disabilities. However, the Council on Developmental Disabilities wants to make sure the proposed wheelchair accessible options are inclusive, affordable, and available to all riders. Citizens with disabilities must have control over where they want to go and be able to arrive at their destinations in a timely manner.

Thank you.