

March 11, 2009
Transportation Hearing

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

I want to thank you for this opportunity to ask for your support for bill 5648, which will restore the written license test. In the interest of public safety, it is imperative this bill be passed.

I am the manager of Southbury Driving School and Waterbury Driver Education Program. I have taught Driver Education classes and on-the-road instruction to hundreds of students most of them sixteen and seventeen years old. I love my job and my students. My goal each day is to teach them how to be safe and responsible drivers. This requires one hundred percent of their attention. This is not possible when the written portion of the license exam is given first before a student sets foot in my classroom. When you were in school, did your teacher give you the final test before you took his or her class? The DMV eliminating the written knowledge test when new drivers have their behind-the-wheel exam is senseless and dangerous. What was Commissioner Ward thinking, or was he? The final written and road test must be given together. The purpose of the Gov.Task Force was to make testing for teens more comprehensive and difficult. This has not been the result. We must rectify this immense error in judgment before more lives are lost on our roadways. Please support bill 5648 .
The next life you save maybe yours or that of a loved one.

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