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Supporting "Move Over" Legislation

Good Morning Members of the Transportation Committee,

I am writing to you today to ask you to support the "Move Over" bills that have been submitted this session. There are actually 6 of them that have been submitted.

I completely support the "move over" idea. American Ambulance brought this idea to our local legislators several years ago after it learned that this law is on the books in many states already. CT is one of the few states where it is not. The bills being presented generally have the same intent; the safety of those working on the side of the road. In my opinion the bills should not specify any particular type of vehicle (ambulance, fire truck, police car). It should be a little more general. It should include any vehicle with flashing lights that is stopped on the side of the road. This would include DOT trucks, tow trucks, CL&P trucks etcetera. Anyone working on the side of the road should receive the same courtesy. Another concern I have is the bills state that the passing vehicles should "move over" or slow down. I think that both should be required not one or the other.

I apologize for not getting this to you sooner but thought it important enough to at least get you my opinion. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. My contact numbers are located below. Not only is this bill good for the safety of those working in these situations it has no financial impact on the budget. I truly hope that you support this idea and that you move to get something on the books.

Respectfully,

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