



February 24, 2009

Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee:

Testimony in support of:

Raised Bill No. 6453 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY OF MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN APPROACHING STATIONARY EMERGENCY VEHICLES (LCO No. 3313)

The Connecticut Council of Police Unions supports ⁶⁴⁵³ ~~Raised Bill No. 908~~. Although this legislation does not affect our members on a daily basis, we feel that in the interest of public safety this bill should be given serious consideration.

Driving the highways of Connecticut today, you cannot help but be aware of the tremendous increase in traffic over the past decade. In spite of the increased dangers involved, we observe that there is a lack of compliance with statutes designed to ensure the safe passage of motorists, such as flagrant disregard of traffic control signs and signals, speed limits, and 'hands free' operation of vehicles, be not limited thereto.

Notwithstanding the current issue of non-compliance, we feel that passage of a 'move-over' bill coupled with a campaign designed to raise the awareness of the motoring public, will make our highways safer for our Department of Transportation employees, our police officers assigned to highway traffic duty, and the public they serve.

We ask that you vote *Raised Bill No. 6453* out of Committee.

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