

Good Morning Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee

My Name is Paula Burchard from Big "A" Driving School in Middletown.

I am here to speak about Bill number 5648

(An act requiring mandatory retesting of knowledge of driving laws prior to the issuance of a motor vehicle operator's license to a person who is 16 or 17 years of age.)

I support this bill.

Students are no longer taking classroom seriously. They feel they don't have to take another written test again, so why should they have to do classroom. I tell my students that they are required to know this information in order to take their test for their license. I also tell them if they don't pass classroom they will not get their certificate to take their test.

The students need to have a written test on the day of testing for their license. This proves that they have the knowledge of the fundamentals, laws, and drug and alcohol rules and regulations, and Safe driving habits. Just taking a 25 question permit test is not enough to make sure they are receiving the knowledge they need to drive.

Thank you
Paula Burchard