

Good Morning, my name is Michele Perez and I would like to take a moment to thank you for this opportunity to be heard here today on behalf of the new bills being proposed in CT.

Before I begin I would like to share with you that I have been a bartender on and off for 15 years now so when it comes to alcohol and drivers I have seen plenty.

First, **S.B. No. 965** AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE UPON A FIRST DRUNKEN DRIVING CONVICTION. In my opinion, Ignition Interlock Device looks like a great deterrent for those who frequent bars and attempt to drive afterwards. There have been numerous times when customers have walked into the bar and clearly were drunk already. Odds are that they already have a conviction against them. This type of device would be an excellent way to keep them in check. It is amazing to see how intoxicated people will attempt to drive.

**H.B. No. 6588** AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR DRUNKEN DRIVING WHEN A CHILD IS A PASSENGER OR WHEN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH OF A CHILD RESULTS. This bill should pass for the obvious reasons. There are so many occasions of bus drivers driving intoxicated, I can't even imagine how many parents are doing the same thing. A child has no say in whether or not they have to get in the car, therefore the penalties for this crime should be much tougher.

Finally, **S.B. No. 1031** AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR MANSLAUGHTER WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR DRUG.

The only thing I can say about this is as it stands now, you are telling criminals that instead of plotting a murder by poisoning or any other type of First Degree Murder which would put them in jail for a long period of time. You are telling them that if they are intoxicated and kill someone not only can they claim impairment but they can also claim to blackout and not remember the details of the accident. In this case they will only get 3 years in jail vs. 10 years. What kind of message is that sending?