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Testimony

In Support of Raised Bill 6449

An Act Concerning the Safety of Persons Entering or Exiting a School Bus

Transportation Committee

February 28, 2011

Good morning Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, Senator Boucher, Rep. Scribner, and members of the committee. I am writing in support of Raised Bill 6449, An Act Concerning the Safety of Persons Entering or Exiting a School Bus.

This bill proposal would allow for an external school bus violation reporting system to be installed on school buses. The detection system known as SmartBus provides a live digital video feed that monitors all bus stops for violators passing illegally. The monitoring system also provides an automatic ticket issuance system to those captured passing a stopped school bus. SmartBus is a great concept that can help aide as a deterrent to possible violators and further protect our children loading and unloading from school buses. This bill is a great idea and all about the safety of school children and has my full support. I believe we owe it to the children to allow such systems to be put in place in our school districts to better their safety.

Many thanks for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

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