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March 4, 2011

Senator Andrew M. Maynard
Representative Antonio Guerrero
Transportation Committee
Room 2300, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: SB-674

An Act Increasing Minimum Liability Requirements for Motor Vehicle Insurance

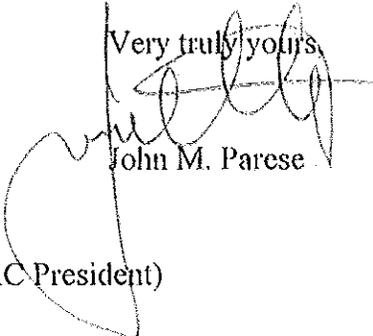
Dear Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero and Members of the Committee:

I am an attorney and serve as legal counsel to the Auto Body Association of Connecticut (ABAC). I write in support of Senate Bill 674, with the caveat that an increase in minimum coverage is also required for property damage. Currently, the law only requires \$10,000 of property damage coverage. This is woefully inadequate.

On behalf of the ABAC and its members, we would recommend the property damage minimum coverage limit be raised to at least \$30,000. Vehicles today are worth more money. Auto parts are more sophisticated and more expensive. When we looked into this issue last year, there were twenty-six (26) other states with higher minimum property damage requirements. In serious accidents, or accidents involving multiple vehicles or building structures, a \$10,000 minimum liability coverage simply does not go far.

Raising liability limits is appropriate and necessary. Raising property damage limits is equally, if not more, important. Thank you for your work on this bill. If you have any questions or concerns or require anything further from me, please feel free to call me.

Very truly yours,


John M. Parese

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c: Robert Skrip (ABAC President)