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

I am State Senator Michael McLachlan, and I am here today to speak in support of Senate Bill 815, *An Act Concerning the Expiration Date of Motor Vehicle Operator's Licenses Issued to Nonresident Aliens*.

This legislation would require motor vehicle operator's licenses to expire, if the operator is a nonresident alien, when the operator's right to lawfully be in this country expires.

Essentially this bill will make it law for driver licenses issued to nonresident aliens to expire on the same day as that person's Visa will expire. Such a law is important to promote consistency between the legal documents issued in the state. Allowing for driver's licenses for nonresident aliens to expire following the date a nonresident alien is lawfully able to stay in the country encourages those individuals to stay. If there was consistency between various legal documents a difficulty would be created for those who plan to violate the law and/or deter violation of the law in the first place.

Many states across the nation have laws similar to this, as a part of the federally passed REAL ID program. These states include the three states Connecticut borders. Additionally, a large majority of state are in the process of passing similar legislation. This legislation would be a continuation of the efforts around the country.

I urge the committee to support Senate Bill 815, in order to ensure that nonresident aliens are not staying in this country when they are not lawfully able.

Thank you,

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