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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in favor of Committee Bill No. 6184. The need for this bill was brought to my attention by the City of Derby's newly appointed OEM Interim Director, Charles Sampson. This important piece of legislation will correct an oversight and unintended consequence of CT General Statute 14-96p(3) which allows ONLY the Director of Emergency Management to apply for a red light permit.

Although the statute allows for other emergency personnel assistants or deputies to apply for and display emergency lights, it specifically excluded Deputy Directors of OEM. As you know, the Deputy Director replaces the Director in the Director's absence and carries out the same duties. This legislation will allow the Deputy Director to be included in the statute and further allow that individual to perform their duties safely and effectively.

I respectfully urge you to vote this bill favorably out of committee. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda M. Gentile".

Linda M. Gentile
State Representative 104th District