My Name is Anthony DeMattei and I would like to thank Senator Maynard and Representative Guerra and the Transportation Committee allowing me to speak .

In the early morning of October 4, 2009 we received a call that a parent dreads, a message from Danbury Hospital stating our daughter Danae had been in a serious automobile crash and we should prepare ourselves for her condition. Upon arriving at the hospital we were told that she was in a motor vehicle crash and that the driver was arrested for driving drunk with a blood alcohol level of .326. They also said that a neurosurgeon was on his way. Upon his arrival he looked at the x-rays and met with my wife and myself. He explained that Danae had suffered extreme head trauma and the brain had began to swell, he further stated that she had a 1 percent chance of pulling through but he was willing to try craniotomy to relieve the pressure of the brain swelling because of her age. We remained at Danes bedside until her passing on Oct 9, 2009.

Danae was a loving young woman, she had dedicated her life to helping , loving and caring for her family and friends. She loved life and made a lasting impression on everyone she met. I truly believe that her reason for being on this earth was to help other and guide them through their difficulties. Danae was a special angel here on earth. My wife and I received a letter from a counselor that Old Navy had brought in after Danae's passing and here is what he wrote.

Although I never met Danae, I learned so much about her in the 3 days I spent counseling her Old Navy coworkers last week. Never before have I encountered a work setting where someone had a connection with coworkers that Danae shared. Each person felt a special connection with her well beyond the typical coworker. Each person had a special story about how her caring, love and humor was so meaningful in their life. Whether

she was there peer, subordinate or supervisor so was valued as a friend, confident, supporter and a source of love and inspiration. So many there felt blessed to have known her.

Danae's death has traumatized her family and friends my Wife and myself have a pain inside that will never go away and the sense of emptiness will be with us forever, I don't believe the hurt will ever end. Our son truly misses his sister. The love and connection that they had was special they talked every day and protective of each other.

My wife's parents are also hurting they not only have lost the granddaughter but also see their daughter hurting and I am sure they feel helpless in not being able to help her with her suffering. Danae's aunts had a special bond which was unbreakable, and they are truly hurting and missing her and their talks. Although Danae was the only granddaughter

She shared a special bond with her cousins. Her friends continue to express the emptiness the feel with her passing and ask for her help and guidance from above. Renee's lack of responsibility in killing our daughter due to disregarding for life and the law and not using good judgment and getting behind the wheel is unacceptable. Although any sentence that Mr. Manzanno receives will not bring my daughter back

No matter what Danae was doing during the day she would always call me a work me at work to say hello, ask how my day was going and tell me that she loved me. We truly had a unique Father and Daughter Bond unlike any other. I miss the quality time as she called it together whether watching our favorite TV shows, talking or just giving each other advice . I will miss my little Angel.

Please do not let my daughter death become just another statistic, although the Police have done an amazing job arresting drunk drivers, laws have

been implemented and have reduced the number of alcohol related deaths, they cannot be everywhere and one death is too many. That is why it is imperative that legislation be passed for ignition interlock so another family will not have to go through the devastation of losing a child.