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Testimony  
By  
Rep. Henry Genga, 10<sup>th</sup> District  
East Hartford  
on  
HB 6144: An Act Concerning Operating  
A Motor Vehicle With A Suspended Vehicle

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Dear Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero and honorable members of the Transportation Committee,

Driving is a privilege, not a right that needs to be taken seriously. People need to respect this responsibility and those who do not should be severely penalized for their potential endangerment of others. Recent accidents involving drivers with suspended licenses who injured or killed innocent people can not be tolerated. Rules like this law to protect society are necessary and a minimum of 30 days in jail for the 3rd violation will be a good public policy. There are 2.5 million drivers licensed in Connecticut, and 4,000-5,000 have license suspensions. The majority of drivers are responsible but even the small number of irresponsible drivers need to be punished to protect the majority of society.

It seems that our laws are not stringent enough for some to prevent violators from accepting and adhering to license suspensions. Thus, this bill is a response to send a clear message that we will not tolerate the irresponsible drivers who do not respect our laws.

Please support this legislation.

Thank you,

Henry Genga