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**Testimony of the Independent Insurance Agents of Connecticut
to the Insurance And Real Estate Committee on Raised House Bill 6379,
An Act Concerning Surplus Lines Insurance Brokers**

Senator Crisco, Representative Megna and members of the Insurance and Real Estate committee, my name is Warren Ruppard and I am President of the Independent Insurance Agents of Connecticut. The Independent Insurance Agents of Connecticut is a trade association which has been located in Connecticut and has represented independent agents for 114 years. IAC currently represents more than 400 member agencies and their associates as well as their 3500-plus employees. I am submitting this testimony today for your consideration.

The Independent Insurance Agents of Connecticut supports Raised House Bill 6379. This proposal will bring efficiency in the processing of a surplus lines policy and will bring better consumer awareness to the purchaser of such policy. We urge the committee to support Raised House Bill 6379.