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Testimony of Representative Geoff Luxenberg in support of HB 6034  
Transportation Committee Public Hearing  
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Proposed H.B. No. 6034 An Act Requiring Insurance Coverage for and the Registration of certain Mopeds, Scooters, and Motorbikes.

Dear Chairman Guerrero, Chairman Maynard, and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee,

I testify today in support of House Bill 6034, which would require insurance coverage and registration of certain mopeds, scooters, and motorbikes. This legislation would amend the general statutes to require that by 2014 the operator of any motor-driven cycle authorized for road use, including any moped, scooter or motorbike, regardless of the horsepower or engine size to register such motor-driven cycle with the Department of Motor Vehicles. House Bill 6034 will also require the operator of any motor-driven cycle to maintain motor vehicle insurance coverage for such vehicle.

The purpose of these changes is to assure safer roads and help insure against property and medical loss caused by the operation of these vehicles on Connecticut's roads. In addition to an increase in public safety, insurance companies will receive more customers. These changes will contribute to Connecticut's commitment to creating a safer environment for our citizens.

According to the National Highway Safety Administration fatalities declined by 4.6 percent for occupants of passenger cars and light trucks, but fatalities increased among motorcycle riders. House Bill 6034 will also protect, the moped, scooter, or motorbike operators in addition to pedestrians and motor vehicle drives. In fact in 2006 the committee believed this was an important enough safety issue to pass PA 06-130 that outlawed the use of pocket bikes and mini motorcycles on our roadways. I also see there is another bill today that would now outlaw these kind of mini motorcycles on sidewalks, which only further highlights the hazards they can cause. The law I introduced would require that any other scooter or moped not covered by the previous law on pocket bikes be registered and insured if it is allowed for road use.

A fireman, one of our city's heroes, who you will hear from today, suffered a tremendous financial loss from an accident caused by this type of vehicle, by someone who was not insured. To insure against property and medical loss caused by mopeds, scooters, and motorbikes, I encourage the committee to support this bill.

Thank you for your indulgence and consideration of this legislation and I am open to any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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