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From Representative Mitch Bolinsky

Re: HB 6041- An Act Concerning the Cost Effectiveness of Installing Hanging Height Restrictors at Entrances to the Merritt and Wilbur Cross Parkways.

I would like to thank the Honorable Co-Chairs Senator Andrew Maynard and Representative Antonio Guerrero, the Honorable Vice Chairs Senator Andrea Stillman and Representative Steven Mikutel, and the Ranking Members Senator Toni Boucher and Representative David Scribner, and the entire membership of the Transportation Committee for their time this afternoon addressing this issue.

I testify today, in support of HB 5552- An Act Concerning the Cost Effectiveness of Installing Hanging Height Restrictors at Entrances to the Merritt and Wilbur Cross Parkways. This practical, creative, low-cost concept was brought before me by a constituent, Steven Cody McCubbin of Newtown as a way to save the state millions of dollars in repair expenses, reduce the cost of economic lost time and mitigate unnecessary global warming emissions that result from large-scale vehicular idling that results from "road-closure conditions" on our parkways. Mr. McCubbin will also testify today.

The installation of hanging, tubular-height restrictors at entrances to the Merritt and Wilbur Cross Parkways would help to prevent unauthorized access of over-height vehicles to parkways with low-clearance bridges. Currently, posted signs are missed several times a year by commercial vehicles unfamiliar with CT roadways, resulting in costly damage to infrastructure and long inconveniences for CT motorists and business people. By installing tubular restrictors, like those at the entrance of most parking structures, these occurrences will be eliminated for a fraction of the cost incurred repairing struck bridges.

In summary, I urge the members of the Transportation facility to support HB 6041 and discontinue the preventable infrastructure damage incurred each year on Connecticut roadways due to unauthorized over-height vehicles.

Thank you for your time and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mitch Bolinsky", written over a horizontal line.