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**Testimony of Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Melody A.  
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**Transportation Committee Public Hearing**  
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**SB 184 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DRIVING HISTORY RECORDS OF  
MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS WHOSE LICENSES WERE SUSPENDED FOR  
VIOLATING CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON DRIVERS WHO ARE  
SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE**

Good morning Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, Senator Boucher,  
Representative Scribner and other members of the Transportation Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 184, AN ACT CONCERNING THE  
DRIVING HISTORY RECORDS OF MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS WHOSE  
LICENSES WERE SUSPENDED FOR VIOLATING CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS  
PLACED ON DRIVERS WHO ARE SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE.  
The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has concerns regarding this proposal. The bill  
would require DMV to remove certain driver history records for 16 and 17 year olds who  
violated the passenger and hours of operation restrictions and found in section 14-36g of the  
Connecticut General Statutes. These restrictions were part of the comprehensive safe teen  
driving law changes enacted in 2008.

The stated purpose of the bill would be to assist those drivers who turn 18 years old in  
obtaining automobile insurance. Please note that such violations are on an operator's record  
now for three years so if someone received a violation when they were sixteen, such  
violation would no longer appear when they were nineteen, only one more year than this bill  
would allow.

Also, there would be expenses for DMV to implement this proposed change that would  
require associated IT programming modifications.

Finally, while the Department understands that automobile insurance may become more  
difficult to obtain with such violations on a person's driver history, the intent of these teen  
driver restrictions is help keep teen drivers safe from harm and injury. For those teen drivers  
who have obeyed the rules and do not have such violations on their driver history, this  
proposal may not seem equitable.

Thank you for allowing me to testify on this legislation.