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Testimony In Support of:

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

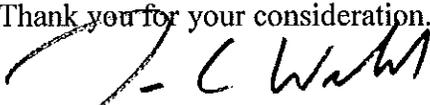
Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, Senator Boucher, Representative Scribner and members of the Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Recent teen driving laws address social driving habits of 16 and 17 year olds. These laws have helped to encourage safer teen driving. A problem that has arisen is that violations of these laws often result in license suspension. Left on the driving records, suspensions negatively affect the teen as an adult with regard to the cost and ability to obtain auto insurance.

Since these laws only affect teen drivers at the age of 16 and 17, this bill could create a juvenile driving record that would be dropped when they reach the age of 18. They would still receive the punishment of suspension for violating these social driving laws, but the suspension would not stay on their adult driving record. Violations for having one too many passengers or for driving after midnight should not prevent a teen from obtaining insurance once they turn 18.

This bill will not apply to the teen receiving moving violations or violations involving personal injury, which should rightfully remain on their record.

Thank you for your consideration.


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