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On behalf of the Town of Simsbury Aging and Disability Commission I am writing in support of SB 105.

The Town of Simsbury Aging and Disability Commission is a voluntary advisory Commission responsible for investigating the needs of the elderly and disabled residents and providing assistance to public and private agencies in the implementation of programs and facilities for such needs.

An important aspect of our Plan of Action is the education and enforcement regarding the misuse of handicapped parking spaces. We were instrumental in having the town declare the month of June as Handicapped Parking Awareness Month. At that time we worked closely with the Simsbury Police Department in ensuring that handicapped parking spaces were not abused. While this was beneficial for the month of June the effort needs to be continuous.

While I respect the efforts of our town Police Department it is essential that there is a meaningful enforcement of section 14-253a. This can only be accomplished by officers issuing either a written warning or a summons for commission of a violation of the handicapped parking statute.

The "theme" of the Handicapped Parking Awareness Month was "Just one minute is sixty seconds too long".

Please assist us in ensuring that handicapped parking spaces are utilized legally and for those who the law was intended.

Thank you.

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