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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 267
AN ACT CONCERNING THE MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR'S
LICENSE ADULT INSTRUCTION PERMIT REQUIREMENT**

**Transportation Committee Public Hearing
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Chairmen Maynard and Guerrero, Ranking Members Boucher and Scribner, and members of the Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 267, AN ACT CONCERNING THE MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENSE ADULT INSTRUCTION PERMIT REQUIREMENT.

Just last year, Public Act 12-81 amended the General Statutes to require that, in the absence of a motor vehicle operator's license, any person eighteen or older obtain an adult instruction permit from the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles. As enacted last session, subsection (b) of section 14-36 seemed geared towards ensuring public safety by no longer allowing adults to circumvent the operator's licensure process by merely having a licensed instructor in the vehicle. It appears, however, that the statute as written sweeps too broadly and thusly burdens many individuals who arguably were not intended to be affected by these modifications.

Take, for example, a woman who had previously been issued a motor vehicle operator's license, who had held such license for several years, and who subsequently voluntarily surrendered such license for personal reasons. Desiring to once again be able to drive, this woman under the current statute is prohibited from being re-licensed by the Commissioner until she first obtains an adult instruction permit. This, in turn, requires that an instructor must accompany this woman on every car trip until she is once again licensed by the State. It is reasonable to believe such a result was not envisioned by last year's measure.

Clarifying the existing statute to limit the adult instruction permit requirements to only those drivers not previously issued a Connecticut driver's license will address many of the law's unintended consequences while preserving its goal of protecting the public and promoting safety on our roadways. If enacted, SB 267 will do just that.

Thank you again for the opportunity. I urge you to vote in favor of SB 267.