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TO: Connecticut Joint Insurance Committee
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RE: **SUPPORTING RAISED H.B.5252**

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I am writing on behalf of the Professional Insurance Agents of Connecticut Inc., an association representing more than 400-member professional, independent insurance agents who employ thousands of people throughout the state.

We write to support this legislation, which seeks to permit an automobile insurance identification card to be provided electronically.

As professional, independent insurance producers, we have seen our industry evolve to take full advantage of technology in ways that has made communication faster and more responsive; improved efficiency; made underwriting more sophisticated and has facilitated the development of a more interactive, producer-client relationship. In 15 years, we have witnessed technology that can put access to the world's knowledge in our pockets become so available, widespread and relatively affordable that it is taken for granted.

With this in mind, we support this measure which gives consumers the choice to present their insurance information in an electronic format, and the convenience that it provides. We further applaud the privacy protections contained in the measure, which clarify that displaying the insurance information does not constitute consent to view any other information on the display device.