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**Testimony in Support of,**  
**S.B. 465, An Act Concerning Ignition Interlock Devices**

I would like to thank Chairman Coleman, Chairman Fox, Chairman Doyle, Chairman Ritter, Ranking Member Kissel, Ranking Member Rebimbas, and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee. Thank you for considering S.B. 465. I offer the following testimony in favor of this proposal.

Today I testify on the behalf of the members of my community in hope of creating safer driving conditions in the State of Connecticut. I am in strong support of Raised Bill 465 and its emphasis on age, as well as the number of offenses, when determining the duration required of DUI offenders to use interlock devices. However, the Raised Bill fails to look into DUI offenses that result in deaths, which are unfortunately a harsh reality. The pain and suffering of families and communities who lose loved ones to drunk drivers is unimaginable and it is time for the State of Connecticut to step up the plate and create legislation that will work towards decreasing the number of drivers operating vehicles while under the influence.

I believed that Raised Bill 465 is a good first step in decreasing the number of drivers operating vehicles while under the influence. However, as it moves through the legislative process I would request to include terms and conditions on DUI offenses that result in death. My recommendations include:

- 1) Strict rules for ignition interlock devices
- 2) Driving license suspensions for a minimum of 2 years from the date that the individuals incarceration period expires
- 3) Prohibit the application of risk reduction earned credits to the sentence's of the individuals convicted of DUI offenses that have resulted in death.

We live in an imperfect world, but every step we take to make our roads safer is a step in the right direction. I want to thank you for raising S.B. 465 and please consider my recommendations to the committee.

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