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Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee March 18, 2015

Senator Fonfara, Representative Berger, Senator Frantz, Representative Davis, and the entire membership of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, thank you for allowing me to testify in support of **H.B. 5561 AN ACT REINSTATING THE SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR HIGH MILEAGE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES**. The bill seeks to reinstate the sales tax exemption on electric passenger motor vehicles and other passenger motor vehicles that have a United States Environmental Protection Agency estimated city or highway gasoline mileage rating of at least forty miles per gallon.

One of my constituents, Mr. Michael Coviello, brought this idea to my attention. In order to incentivize the purchase of environmentally friendly vehicles, the State of Connecticut should eliminate the sales tax on such a purchase. The Federal Government has done its part in increasing the sales of these vehicles by offering a \$7,500 credit for the purchase of an all-electric vehicle.

The purchase of these vehicles will boost our local economy and lower our carbon footprint. For these reasons, I would urge you and your colleagues to support this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lezlye Zupkus".

Lezlye Zupkus
State Representative, 89th District