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Statement of James Fleming of Simsbury, Connecticut

General Law Committee

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Senator Leone, Representative Baram and members of the General Law Committee, my name is James Fleming of Simsbury, Connecticut. I am a President of the Connecticut Automotive Retailers Association (CARA). CARA has 270 new car dealer members in the state. Our members employ more than 13,000 individuals in dealerships located in nearly every town and city in our state.

I am submitting the following statement with respect to Senate Bill 99, *An Act Requiring Automobile Dealers to Provide Purchasers with a Copy of the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act*.

We support the intent of the bill which is to ensure compliance by all licensed dealers with the Magnuson-Moss Warranty Act. It is our belief that through training, which the Connecticut Automotive Retailers Association would be happy to do, as well as with training by the manufacturers, we can achieve greater compliance and ensure that customers of both the dealership and aftermarket retailers are provided with all the options for them to make the most informed decision.

We have discussed this matter with the bill's sponsor, Senator Rob Kane. We are absolutely willing to work with the Senator on this matter and would suggest that the committee hold the bill for the time being.

Thank you.