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Senator Crisco, Representative Megna, Senator Kelly, Representative Sampson, and the entire membership of the Insurance Committee, thank you for your consideration today of *H.B. 6166 - AN ACT INCREASING THE MOTOR VEHICLES MINIMUM FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY LIMITS UPON A CONVICTION OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE*. The intent of the bill is to increase the motor vehicles minimum financial responsibility limits on a driver convicted of driving under the influence.

This bill adds protections to all other drivers on our roadways here in Connecticut by adding another measure to D.U.I enforcement. Financial responsibility ramifications often send a loud message when promoting desired behavior. In order for one to retain a license after a D.U.I conviction, it is critical that one must also produce proof that they are financially responsible to other drivers and passengers on the road. I further note, that while this conviction remains on one's record it is also required that one maintain the minimum financial responsibility requirements identified within the bill language.

Toughening our D.U.I convictions only supports the drug and alcohol awareness advocacy this legislature has been trying to promote. By enacting this law, we take one step closer to keeping our drivers, passengers and roads much safer.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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