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March 5, 2015

Senator Joseph J. Crisco, Jr.
State Representative Robert W. Megna
& Members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee
Room 2800, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: **HB-6866**

***AN ACT LIMITING PRIVATE PASSENGER NONFLEET AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE
UNDERWRITING FACTORS AND INCREASING THE MOTOR VEHICLE MINIMUM
AMOUNT OF PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE.***

Dear Senator Crisco & Representative Megna:

As a trial lawyer and legal counsel to the Auto Body Association of Connecticut (ABAC), I write in support of HB-6866. Increasing the minimum property damage limits to twenty-five thousand dollars is necessary and in the best interest of our motoring public.

Vehicles today are simply worth more money and cost more to fix. Advances in technology and auto parts have yielded more sophisticated and more expensive repairs. In short: ten thousand dollars does not go far these days. Many of my clients have suffered the unfortunate consequences of inadequate property damage coverage. Everyone is better served by a more reasonable minimum coverage limit.

When the ABAC looked into this issue last, we found that twenty-six (26) states required higher minimum property damage limits. Nearby states such as Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine all currently have twenty-five thousand dollar minimum limits. This is indicative of the need for reform. Raising property damage limits is appropriate and necessary, especially here in Connecticut.

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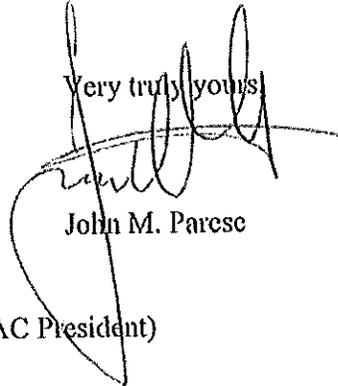
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Thank you for your work on this bill. If you have any questions or concerns or require anything further from me, please feel free to call me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Parse", is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

John M. Parse

c: Anthony Ferraiolo (ABAC President)