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Transportation Committee

Honorable Chairman Rep. Guerrero

***Testimony concerning HB #5925 An Act Naming the Access Drive to the Colchester Maintenance Facility after Lisa Maynard.***

Honorable Chairman,

Please consider the following testimony supporting passage of House Bill #5925. Lisa Maynard was a coworker at the Ct. DOT but more importantly was a close personal friend. The intent of this bill is a fitting well deserved tribute to a past employee of the state. I am sure you have heard numerous accounts of Lisa being a great mom and partner, good person, diligent worker, kind friend, the type of person that would carry the torch to the end of the road as she always did. As friends those of us who had the pleasure to know and spend time with her were touched by an extraordinary person and were much the better for the experience. There are many extraordinary individuals as Lisa was and that should be a part of the focus but we should not forget that one of the reasons for this bill is because along with her stellar existence came a not so ordinary employee. Her desire for professional excellence in all her tasks associated with projects at the DOT especially with the Maintenance Facility in Colchester became an extension of personal pride and satisfaction. What needs to be clear is that when it came to her professional quality, productivity and interaction her personal tragedies never compromised her desire to produce and retain her known high quality. Lisa gained the respect of her peers because until the final time she walked through the DOT doors she never wavered from being true Lisa, a knowledgeable, hardworking, diligent, big smiled employee. She was a friend who was as quick to assist you with a question about a project as to laugh at something funny you told her about one of your children and always did both with that infectious Lisa smile.

We ask that you and the entire committee wholeheartedly support HB #5925 to properly credit her memory. It would be a truly deserving testimonial. Lisa surely would have discouraged any praise for completing her responsibilities associated with projects. But we her extended family, friends, DOT coworkers, contractors and consultants ask that you strongly consider naming this drive in her honor. Her dedication to the project made it a Lisa project surely contributing to its completion. Knowing her I would suspect that the project was ahead of schedule and under budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony to the committee.