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**Testimony of the Independent Insurance Agents of Connecticut  
to the Transportation Committee  
In Favor of Proposed Bill 5383  
An Act Concerning the Use of Electronic Insurance Cards  
and  
Proposed Bill 5930  
An Act Concerning Electronic Automobile Insurance Cards**

Members of the Transportation Committee, my name is Warren Ruppard and I am President of the Independent Insurance Agents of Connecticut. The Independent Insurance Agents of Connecticut is a trade association which has been located in Connecticut and has represented independent agents for 116 years. IIAC currently represents more than 400 member agencies and their associates as well as their 3600-plus employees. IIAC supports the concepts of Proposed Bills 5383 and 5930.

Proposed Bills 5383 and Proposed Bill 5930 will allow Connecticut drivers "the use of electronic insurance cards for the purposes of motor vehicle traffic stops and automobile registration." Cell phones, iPads, and numerous other portable devices are used by the majority of Connecticut's population. The availability of app's by insurance companies to provide their customers with information on their policy or to report a claim is also an increasing component of the current technology. Connecticut drivers benefit from the use of this technology and the addition of electronic proof of insurance would be welcomed in our state.

Proposed Bills 5383 and Proposed Bill 5930 will allow Connecticut to join the 37 states that have proactively enacted legislation to allow the use of electronic proof of insurance.

We urge the committee to support the concepts in Proposed Bill 5383 and Proposed Bill 5930.