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**Testimony of the Independent Insurance Agents of Connecticut
to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee
In Favor of Senate Bill 4**

An Act Concerning the Electronic Presentation of Automobile Insurance Identification Cards

Senator Crisco, Representative Megna and members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, my name is Warren Ruppap 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. I come to you today to speak in support of Senate Bill 4.

Senate Bill 4 will allow Connecticut drivers the presentation of an automobile insurance identification card by electronic format. 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.

Senate Bill 4 will allow Connecticut to join the 38 states that have proactively enacted legislation to allow the use of electronic proof of insurance.

We urge the committee to support Senate Bill 4.