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Children's Committee  
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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 5654 AN ACT CONCERNING "GOOD SAMARITAN"  
PROTECTION FOR THOSE ENTERING CARS TO AID CHILDREN.**

Dear Senator Bartolomeo, Representative Urban, Senator Henri, Representative Kokoruda and the entire membership of the Children's Committee:

I write in strong support of *H.B. 5654 An Act Concerning "Good Samaritan" Protection For Those Entering Cars To Aid Children*. This bill is very similar to a *H.B. 5068 An Act Concerning The Extension Of The Good Samaritan Law To Apply To The Rescue of Children From Hot Cars*, which I introduced as both aim to provide immunity to an individual that forcefully enters a vehicle in order to remove a child from imminent danger. In April of last year the State of Tennessee passed legislation mirroring the intent of the bill you are considering today. Attached to this testimony is a copy of that language for your review.

A child's body heats up and cools off significantly faster than adults. Even on a 60 degree day it only takes about 20 minutes for the temperature in a vehicle to climb high enough to be deadly to a youth. Consequently, time and exposure are the two critical factors impacting a child left in such circumstances. The passage of this bill will reduce the time a child must endure in a dangerous situation, and hopefully save a life.

Just last evening there was a case of a child being left in a car, unattended, in the extreme cold here in Connecticut. The incident was reported by employees of the business where the vehicle was parked. In passing legislation like the one before you today, it is certainly possible those employees could have gotten the child to a safe area until law enforcement and paramedics arrived.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christie M. Carpino".

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