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**Public Hearing Testimony**  
**Public Health Committee**

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, Senator Markley, Representative Srinivasan. And Members of the Public Health Committee.

My name is Tim Ackert and I represent the 8<sup>th</sup> District which includes Columbia, Coventry, Vernon and Tolland. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today to speak on House Bill 6285.

**HB: 6285 AN ACT CONCERNING SMOKING IN MOTOR VEHICLES.**

I am appealing to the members of the Public Health Committee to enact the laws needed in this state to ensure every young person that does not have the knowledge to tell a parent or others, that they do not like them smoking near or around them. This issue became more prevalent to me once I became a new grandfather. My grandson Jameson's mother is a smoker. This little person has no ability or knowledge to know that second hand smoke can negatively affect his health. I can only imagine that when he is with his mother in the car that he is being subject to unhealthy air. This legislation may seem like we are imposing invasive restrictions on the smokers in Connecticut, but it is our responsibility to protect those most vulnerable in our state.