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Supporting House Bill 5950
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My thanks to the Honorable Co-Chairs, Senator Maynard and Representative Guerrero; Ranking Members Senator Boucher and Representative O'Dea; as well as the entire Transportation Committee for your consideration today of HB 5950, AN ACT CONCERNING CENTERLINE RUMBLE CUTS.

The purpose of this legislation is to reduce the incidence of head-on collisions and deaths in Connecticut on heavily traveled intercity roadways that are not outfitted with a center median or barrier system. Rumble cuts I believe are an effective tool for preventing highway crashes. The noise and vibration produced by rumble cuts will alert drivers if they stray from their lane. "Roadway Departures account for 54% of all fatal traffic crashes nationwide and about two-thirds of these Roadway Departures occur in rural areas. Rumble strips are effective for both types of roadway departure crashes, run-off-road, and cross centerline. It has been estimated that 40 to 60 percent of run-off-road crashes are due to driver fatigue, drowsiness or inattention."¹

I want to take the effectiveness of the shoulder rumble strip and place them on the center line thus increasing the safety factor of drivers on our highways. "Centerline rumble strips are an effective countermeasure to prevent head-on collisions and opposite-direction sideswipes, often referred to as cross-over or cross-centerline crashes. Primarily used to warn drivers whose vehicles are crossing centerlines of two-lane, two-way roadways."²

Thank you for your time and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Respectfully,

Representative Mitch Bolinsky

¹ http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/roadway_dept/pavement/rumble_strips/effectiveness/

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