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## **Public Hearing Testimony**

### **In Support of SB 500 AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM OF SPEED MONITORING SIGNS ON ROUTES 66 AND 6 and HB 6341: AN ACT CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION OF RUMBLE STRIPS ON ROUTE 66**

Dear Sen. Maynard, Rep. Guerrero, Sen. Leone, Rep. Arce and members of the Transportation Committee:

Thank you for granting a public hearing for SB 500, AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM OF SPEED MONITORING SIGNS ON ROUTES 66 AND 6, and HB 6341, AN ACT CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION OF RUMBLE STRIPS ON ROUTE 66.

I am writing to offer my strong support for both of these proposed bills. Route 66 is the major artery that runs east to west through the heart of East Hampton. Any efforts that can be taken to enhance public safety by making drivers more alert and aware of their surroundings would help to reduce the number of accidents and fatalities that happen annually on this road.

Beyond the significant human toll of such accidents, there is a financial cost to local communities. When accidents happen on state highways in our towns it consumes the limited resources of our local police departments. Budgets that are already stretched thin are strained even further.

I commend our State Representative, Melissa Ziobron, for proposing this legislation and the Transportation committee for granting this public hearing. I urge members to vote in favor of SB 500 and HB 6341.