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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 500, AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM OF SPEED MONITORING SIGNS ON ROUTES 66 AND 6.

Good Morning Co-Chairs Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero; Vice Chairs Senator Leone, Representative Arce; Ranking Members Senator Boucher, Representative O'Dea; and esteemed members of the Committee. My name is Melissa Ziobron and I am proud to represent the 34th District, which encompasses the towns of East Hampton, East Haddam and part of Cokchester. I am testifying in support of bill that I have co-introduced—SB 500.

East Hampton hosted several meetings over the course of last year with leaders from Marlborough, Hebron, and Portland to discuss the trend of serious and fatal accidents along various sections of Rte.66. In addition to local leaders, DOT and area law enforcement officials contributed to the potential solutions. It was noted many times that speed was a contributing factor.

Portable speed signs that could be attached to existing highway signage were one of the recommendations made by several participants. The signs would be a regional asset which could be moved throughout the highway in different towns, to alert motor vehicle operators of their speed. Currently, East Hampton owns one such sign and it has proven very successful when used—especially at an annual event called Pumpkintown.

It is important to proactively address the gross speeding conditions that exist, along with coordinated enforcement that these signs would provide.

Best Regards,

Melissa Ziobron
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