

## Public testimony regarding insurance for digital transportation network companies

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak today at this public hearing regarding insurance for Transportation Network companies.

My name is Chuck Morris I'm a personal Transportation specialist with 10 years experience. I was a chauffeur for 9 years working for many of the major limousine companies in CT and a rideshare partner driver for Uber for a year now. The last year has been the greatest year of my driving career due to the flexibility my job gives me with the app based products being able to work when I want. The place this has been the most beneficial is being able to do more with my family compared to the time demands livery companies had needed.

One of the other great benefits doing this particular job is the positive impact transportation network companies have had on our communities especially in the reduction of drinking and driving.

In February in a Hartford Courant article West Hartford Assistant Police Chief McCue gave credit to one of these companies (he called Uber Taxi) for help in a 37 and a half percent reduction in DUI arrests in West Hartford Connecticut.

Having been a victim of a DUI accident on Easter morning of 2012, I am passionate about being part of the solution for reducing drinking and driving in our state.

Raised bill 5523 that this public hearing is for, is a great step in the right direction in defining what transportation network insurance already covers. In the definitions you have in this bill, there would be no added expenses to drivers like myself whose base fares are a third of current taxi fares in the state of CT. This is very important since an added insurance policy could cause many drivers like myself, not be able to afford to do the work that enriches our communities. The bill also addresses our personal insurance policies exemptions, since the insurance being used during the operation will be the insurance in place by transportation network companies. This bill also helps dispel the myth that we are uninsured or underinsured which helps sole proprietors like myself, who work here in CT servicing the community with safe affordable transportation options. Thanks for your time.