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The Honorable Robert Megna
Chairman, Insurance & Real Estate Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 2802
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Chairman Megna:

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has had great success since our founding in 1980 in reducing the number of drunk driving fatalities. Unfortunately, we still have a long way to go. In 2013 over 10,000 people were killed due to a drunk driver. This accounts for almost one-third of all traffic deaths.

While the best way to stop drunk driving is to couple strong drunk driving laws with strong DUI enforcement and educating the public on the consequences of breaking these laws, it is also important for those over the age of 21 to have a safe ride should they go out to consume alcoholic beverages. To that end, MADD supports new ridesharing platforms and alternative means of transportation that use new and emerging technologies to enable more transportation options throughout the country.

MADD knows that the Connecticut Insurance & Real Estate Committee has been discussing the policies behind these new rideshare programs and platforms which include companies like Uber. Of particular interest to MADD is the potential for these new alternatives to take drunk drivers off the road and provide a safe alternative.

We urge you to take into consideration the issue of drunk driving as you continue to debate this issue.

Thank you and best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.T. Griffin', written in a cursive style.

J.T. Griffin
Chief Government Affairs Officer, MADD

Cc: Members of the Insurance & Real Estate Committee