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Testimony

DMV- Elimination of driving tests at DMV offices

I would like to propose a bill that any individual who has passed a State licensed drivers education program from a licensed provider would no longer be required to return to DMV for a road test. The responsibility for insuring competency would fall with the private company that provides the service, which is ultimately why they are licensed by the state.

Think about it. Who is better positioned to certify a new driver, the instructors who have presented thirty two hours of classroom instruction and forty hours of drive time with the candidate or a DMV employee who spends ten minutes in a car driving a loop around the DMV facility.

Upon completion of the course and the mandated driving hours, the private driver's education provider will need to verify road hours completed, test results, driver competency and then be held accountable by establishing metrics that will be monitored by DMV.

They will need to provide the candidate and the State of CT DMV with all necessary documentation stating that this individual has met or exceeded the established criteria for attaining a driver's license in the state of Connecticut.

The individual then presents this documentation to the local AAA office where the license is processed.

This will no doubt reduce the wait at each of the DMV hub offices throughout the state and it ultimately places the responsibility of competency on the individual and accountability on the company providing the services.

Individuals who opt not to enroll in a licensed private instruction program would continue to follow the current process, with an increased fee payable to CT DMV.

Respectfully submitted,

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