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Testimony

In support of

Raised H.B. No. 5462, AA Requiring The Installation Of Seat Safety Belts On School Buses

Transportation Committee

March 2, 2016

Dear Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, Senator Boucher, Representative O'Dea and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testimony on Raised H.B. No. 5462, AA Requiring The Installation Of Seat Safety Belts On School Buses.

With a few serious school bus accidents occurring in my district in the past year, and with the tragedy that involved a school bus in Rocky Hill still fresh in our minds, I believe we have had enough warnings to now act in a way that could provide more safety to the transport of our kids in the state. When parents say good bye to their school age kids each day, the last thing they worry about, and should have to worry about, is their safety when riding to school. While we certainly can't legislate a 100% fool proof safety mechanism, we do have it within our powers to do all we can to decrease the chances of tragedies occurring that involved school buses.

In 2015, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration endorsed the three-point lap an shoulder safety seat belts. In this legislation, each school bus that is model year 2021 or newer shall be equipped with three-point lap and shoulder seat safety belts for each seating position on such school bus. The commissioner shall suspend the

registration of any school bus not equipped with three-point lap and shoulder seat safety belts, as required by this subdivision until such seat safety belts have been installed.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to have my testimony read and this bill heard at this public hearing. The issue is an important one, and many people around Connecticut thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred Camillo". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

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