

**Statement of Joseph R. Sculley
President
Motor Transport Association of Connecticut
Before
The Joint Committee on
March 8, 2016**

**Re: House Bill No. 5314 AN ACT CONCERNING THE
INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF CALIFORNIA'S
LOW-EMISSION VEHICLE PROGRAM.**

I am Joe Sculley, President of Motor Transport Association of Connecticut (MTAC), a statewide trade association, which represents almost 700 companies that operate commercial motor vehicles in and through the state of Connecticut. Our membership includes freight haulers, movers of household goods, construction companies, distributors, tank truck operators and hundreds of companies that use trucks in their business and firms that provide goods and services to truck owners.

MTAC OPPOSES THIS BILL

The bill itself seems to only address "light-duty" but the California Title/Code Sections referenced covers more than light-duty. We feel that the language should be clarified to indicate that the specific California sections referenced only apply to light-duty in Connecticut.

We also question the fact that the bill requires that the state maintain compliance with the Clean Air Act. Is that a requirement on California or Connecticut? California appears to be significantly out of attainment with federal air quality standards. We would hate to see Connecticut adopt radical California regulations that may be necessary to achieve air quality improvements in California but not in Connecticut.

Finally, we are just philosophically opposed to abdicating the responsibility, currently entrusted to Connecticut's elected and appointed officials to those in another state. We would prefer that Connecticut legislators and agency personnel propose and defend any further adjustments in the law as they

relate to our state and not place our state's rule making responsibilities subservient to officials in California.

Thank you.