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Statement of Joseph R. Sculley
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Before
The Committee on Environment
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**Re: Raised bill 5318, ACT CONCERNING IDLING IN EXCESS OF THREE MINUTES
BY CERTAIN TRUCKS AND BUSES**

Good afternoon, my name is Joe Sculley, I am the President of Motor Transport Association of Connecticut, also known as MTAC. I appreciate the opportunity to testify today.

I understand that this bill would codify existing regulations already in effect by DEEP. Additionally, this bill lists a number of provisions which clearly demonstrate that the bill drafters recognize some of the situations faced by the trucking industry.

I respectfully request that the Committee consider adding a couple of provisions. There should be a provision which states that the restriction shall not apply if a truck driver is taking a break or rest that is required by federal Hours of Service regulations. I testified in an Appropriations Committee hearing last week regarding the need to keep the Southington and Willington rest areas open so that truck drivers can take these required breaks. While drivers take required breaks at these rest areas, weather conditions might require them to idle trucks to get them to an appropriate temperature.

Finally, just as there is a provision which says that the limit shall not apply in cold weather, there should be a clearly stated exemption for warm weather, such as 80 degrees. The Committee should also consider increasing the cold weather threshold to at least freezing temperature of 32 degrees.

Thank you for your consideration.

