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To the Judiciary Committee:

In review of HB5403 I would ask that the members of the Judiciary Committee review the "Recommendations to Legislatures" of the Connecticut Bicycle Pedestrian Board 2015 Annual Report which states:

**"Recommendations to Legislators Crosswalk Law Revision:**

In 2007, a little recognized change was made to state statute (CSG 14-300(C)) relating to cars yielding to pedestrians attempting to cross the street. Prior to the change, the law stated that at unsignalized crosswalks, motor vehicles should grant the right of way to pedestrians who are at the curb at the entrance to the crosswalk. The change required that the pedestrian enter the crosswalk before a car must yield the right of way. This change has never been reflected in the State Driver's Manual. Particularly for vulnerable users such as children, the elderly and the physically impaired, the old statute, requiring motor vehicle operators to yield to a person at the crosswalk, results in greater safety.

**The Board recommends that the language of the statute be restored to require motor vehicles to grant the right of way to a pedestrian who steps to the curb at the entrance to a crosswalk."**

Thank you for your consideration,

Neil S. Pade  
Chairman, Connecticut Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board

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