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Senator Eric Coleman, Representative William Tong and members of the Judiciary Committee. I am Representative Joe Aresimowicz of the 30th District, serving Berlin and Southington. I want to thank the committee for raising HB 5632: AN ACT CONCERNING AN ACCIDENT REPORT FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT IN WHICH A PERSON WAS KILLED.

Several years ago, two of my constituents, Joe and Sandy DeGrandi, tragically lost their daughter, Tina, in a fatal car crash. We know a number of facts about what happened on the day of the accident: the weather, the approximate speeds of the vehicles, the traffic conditions. But, despite knowing all of these facts, no charges were ever brought against the other driver.

I recognize that there are times when even the best accident reconstruction specialists cannot come to a conclusion. However, I believe that in those occurrences, when there is a motor vehicle collision that results in a fatality, we must go the extra mile and allow an outside expert to make an additional attempt to reach a conclusion before the state decides not to pursue a criminal case.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. I would like to note that my office is working with the Office of the Chief State's Attorney to refine this bill and better achieve its objectives.

