

**Testimony Submitted to the Committee on Human Services  
Re: R.B. 7166 AN ACT CONCERNING NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION  
FOR MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES.**

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Senator Moore, Senator Logan, Representative Abercrombie, Representative Case and distinguished Members of the Human Services Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of R.B. 7166.

I am Stan Soby. I serve as a member of the Medical Assistance Program Oversight Council (MAPOC). Having read and listened to numerous reports from the current Non-Emergency Medical Transportation provider since the beginning of the service period, and having heard the concerns over missed appointments expressed by beneficiaries, advocates and medical providers and their representatives, it is clear that the current contract performance standards and accountability measures are not sufficient to ensure that the medical care needs of some of Connecticut's most vulnerable citizens are being met. This is potentially harmful to them, and may result in higher medical costs over time.

While it should not be the case that legislation needs to be enacted, it seems there is no other alternative at this point, so I ask you to support R.B. 7166. Thank you.

Note: There appears to be a scrivener's error in line 19; I believe 'capable' was the intended word.