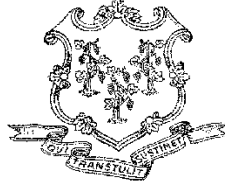


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Good Morning Sen. Cassano, Representative Lemar and members of the Transportation Committee. I would like to express my support for HB 6066 AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR STREET RACING.

Street racing has become more than a nuisance in the City of New Haven. It creates unsafe conditions for pedestrians and motorists and decreases the quality of life for residents. Obviously this practice is also unsafe for participants.

This legislation which increases the maximum penalties (including the size of the fine and the length of impoundment. Currently under 14-224(h) the impoundment can be no more than thirty days and the maximum fine is \$2,000 for the first conviction and \$3,000 for subsequent convictions. Clearly these penalties are not deterring this behavior. HB 6066 would strengthen the penalties to a level where they may create a significant deterrent.

Thank you for raising this important bill.

