

**Testimony of
Chrissy Monaco
in Opposition to
Senate Bill 127: An Act Concerning the Sale of Electric
Vehicles in the State
Transportation Committee
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Representative Lemar, Senator Cassano, Senator Somers, Representative Carney, and Members of the Transportation Committee, my name is Chrissy Monaco. I am the co-owner of Monaco Ford in Glastonbury, Connecticut. We are a family run business with deep roots in the community. We have been proudly serving the Glastonbury area since 1922. I also serve as a Board Member for the Connecticut Automotive Retailers Association which represents over 270 new car dealerships and their 14,000 employees.

I am here today to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 127: An Act Concerning the Sale of Electric Vehicles in the State.

Senate Bill 127 significantly weakens consumer protections by creating a loophole in Connecticut's franchise laws. This loophole benefits large out-of-state corporations at the expense of local businesses in Connecticut. Franchise laws are in place to ensure that adequate protections are provided to buyers purchasing motor vehicles. New car dealers are important advocates for their costumers and this bill eliminates that support system.

Passage of Senate Bill 127 will result in job loss throughout the state at local dealerships. These jobs belong to employees who worked throughout the pandemic as part of the essential workforce to ensure that frontline workers had access to sales and car repair services.

Electric vehicles are available throughout Connecticut at our local new car dealerships. This bill is unnecessary and harmful to our economy.

I urge you to vote no on Senate Bill 127.

Thank you.