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Testimony in Support of: Senate Bill 608

Chairmen Lemar, Vice-Chairs Cassano and Simms, Ranking Members Carney and Somers, and Distinguished Members of the Transportation Committee, I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony in support of **SB 608: An Act Concerning the Safety of Children When Buying Ice Cream from a Frozen Dessert Truck**.

This is an important proposal to help protect children in the course of buying ice cream from frozen dessert trucks by increasing the truck's visibility to other drivers, warning drivers that children may be present and limiting the location and conditions for vending. This is a commonsense proposal as we work to do everything, we can to protect children from preventable accidents. We all know that accidents can happen at any time, but they are most likely to occur when people are not paying close enough attention. The summer months bring longer days and lots of outdoor fun and excitement. When children are excited at the chance to run out to the ice cream truck, they are likely not thinking in that moment of summertime bliss, about the real dangers that are possible on the roadways. If it takes a village to raise a child, then it is also true that it takes all of our best efforts to help keep them safe.

I urge the committee to vote favorably on Senate Bill 608 to help keep children safe when they are buying ice cream so that they can make the memory of a sweet treat on a hot summer day be a happy and safe one.