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**Testimony:**

I am LTC Kenneth Cain, Commander of the Office of Field Operations for the Connecticut State Police. On behalf of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Commissioner James Rovella, we are proud to support the Vision Zero Council in their mission to eliminate transportation related deaths. The Connecticut State Police have been part of the Vision Zero Council since its creation and have worked with our partner agencies to improve transportation safety. We have been heavily involved with the enforcement subcommittee and support the proposed initiatives. The subcommittee was comprised of members representing community partners, non-profit organizations, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Criminal Justice, the Department of Public Health, and local law enforcement agencies. The initiatives presented by the Council will help reinforce our commitment to traffic safety. We support the creation of a law which would require helmets for motorcycles operators and their passengers. We are currently participating in a pilot program to test the validity of automated work zone speed enforcement, which if proven effective can be explored further. Lastly, we support the formalization of a Fatal Collision Reduction Team, which would further the actions already being taken by the State Police to improve traffic safety. This plan would create a team where municipal police officers work in conjunction with State Troopers to conduct high visibility enforcement, focusing on dangerous moving violations in strategic data-driven locations where fatalities are predominant. This team would be highly trained to identify and arrest impaired drivers. Unfortunately, traffic fatalities in Connecticut are on the rise. These proposals lay out actionable, measurable strategies to drastically reduce fatalities, while increasing the safety and mobility of our roadways. We would like to thank you for your time today and we would also like to thank the Vision Zero Council for their work in compiling these proposals which were presented today.