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Good morning Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, Ranking Members Boucher and Scribner and members of the Transportation Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill 713, An Act Concerning the Issuance of Identity Cards, Without Charge to Certain Persons who are Sixty-Five Years of Age and Older.

In my role as a police officer I am often approached by constituents who are concerned about their elderly family members who retain their motor vehicle operator's license past their ability to safely drive. Many of these persons refuse to give up their motor vehicle licenses because they do not possess any other photo identification card. Without an identification card certain situations such as cashing a check or traveling at an airport prove difficult. Enacting this legislation would allow a senior to easily exchange their license for an identification card, thus alleviating the difficulties of senior citizens and the anxieties of their families.

In closing, I would like to thank the co-chairs for their willingness to raise Senate Bill 713 this session. I hope that the committee looks favorably on this bill so that it can make its way through the legislative process. Thank you.