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**Transportation Committee**

**Testimony Submitted by Commissioner Joseph Giulietti**  
**Department of Transportation**

**H.B. 6599 - AN ACT CONCERNING POLICE REPORTS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS.**

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding House Bill No. 6599 – An Act Concerning Police Reports for Motor Vehicle Accidents. The Department of Transportation (DOT) opposes House Bill No. 6599. The purpose of this bill is to require DOT, the State Police and the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) to jointly revise their uniform investigation of accident report form by September 2021.

This bill would result in a significant financial cost to state agencies as well as municipalities to revise their forms as well as a potential loss of valuable information used to determine what is occurring on our roads and where to target funding to address safety concerns.

A revision requires updating every police department in the state, all the associated databases, retraining police officers and rebuilding associated safety applications that use crash data. These forms are updated to follow national standards outlined under the **Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria**. MMUCC is published by the Governors Highway Safety Administration (GHSA) which is a national guideline that represents a minimum set of data elements that are required to describe a motor vehicle crash. States are currently required to adopt the model distracted driving data element in order to qualify for a federal distracted driving incentive grants (§405(e)). Without adopting MMUCC, the DOT could be in jeopardy of losing federal funding for transportation safety programs. So, not only could DOT lose federal funding, but there would a substantial cost to DOT and other state agencies and municipalities to comply with the bill.

In January 2015, Connecticut updated the state's motor vehicle crash reporting system after 2 years of design and deliberation. This new system is much more than just a simple form known as the Pr-1. Data from this system flows from the software in the officer's cruiser, to the DOT servers, to the Federal government, to UConn and then back out to all of our transportation



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safety partners as well as the general public. This data governs decisions on how the DOT will spend millions of dollars annually.

The CT Crash system was updated to an electronic system in 2015 because the previous paper form had remained unchanged since 1996. The paper nature of the form resulted in data being collected by law enforcement that was never used because it could not be accessed. The 2015 CT crash form was updated through a series of 5 town halls and working groups with law enforcement.

A 6<sup>th</sup> edition of MMUCC will be released in 2023. The State has tentatively decided that the crash system should be updated at that time to meet the new MMUCC requirements. Like in 2014, the state will convene a series of workshops and working groups with law enforcement to determine what data elements need to be collected to meet the national guidelines. As the need for more data driven decisions and solutions to be implemented, the collection of this information is becoming increasingly more critical.

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