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**Testimony of Senator Rob Sampson**  
**Transportation Committee**  
**March 8, 2021**

**Senate Bill No. 982: AN ACT REVISING MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES**

Chairman Lemar, Vice-Chairmen Cassano and Simms, Ranking Members Somers and Carney, and esteemed member of the Transportation Committee,

I thank the committee for the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill No. 982. I would like to focus my strong support on Section 19 of the bill which would require the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles to offer the driver's license knowledge test in Vietnamese and Albanian languages. During the past few legislative sessions I have offered this language in the form of a proposed bill, most recently in Senate Bill No. 581 which is also before your committee. The idea for this legislation was brought to me by several constituents who are advocates for the large communities of Vietnamese and Albanian speaking individuals in our state. Currently the State of Connecticut offers the knowledge test in several languages but the lack of options for members of these communities has been an ongoing problem and I thank the committee for their inclusion in Section 19 of Senate Bill No. 982.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation and please feel free to reach out to my office with any questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Sampson", written in a cursive style.

State Senator Rob Sampson  
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