

**Transportation Committee Testimony Template**

H.B. No. 5192 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

Date

This testimony is submitted on behalf of [Insert your organization with a short description.] I am [insert your name & position and how you interact with youth experiencing homelessness.]

**I am writing to request that HB 5192, An Act Concerning Recommendations by the Department of Motor Vehicles, be amended to include language specifically ensuring that youth experiencing homelessness can access a fee waiver for a State Identity Card.**

Currently, state law allows a fee waiver for individuals who are residents of a homeless shelter or other facility for homeless persons (CGS sec. 1-1h). However, many youth experiencing homelessness do not stay in a shelter. In my experience, [insert information with examples of youth who stay in other locations].

Accessing a State ID Card is critical for youth experiencing homelessness. Without an ID, youth have difficulty accessing services such as employment, housing and benefits [add any other services where having an ID is critical]. [Insert an example of a young person who had difficulty paying for an ID and how the delay affected his/her access to services.]

I am specifically requesting that sec 11 of HB 5192 be amended to say, "The commissioner may waive the fee for any applicant ... (D) who is a resident of a homeless shelter or other facility for homeless persons or a certified homeless youth as defined in section 7-36 including a person who is age twenty-four or younger."

Thank you for your consideration.  
Respectfully submitted,

[Insert name]