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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**REGARDING SENATE BILL 127  
RELATING TO REQUIRING AN ANNUAL REGISTRATION FOR ESCORT VEHICLES**

**February 14, 2017**

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