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TO: Transportation Committee
FROM: Ben Shaiken, Manager of Advocacy & Public Policy, The Alliance
RE: H.B. 6162 An Act Concerning the Fleet Registration of Motor Vehicles Owned by Nonprofit Organizations and Businesses

Good afternoon Senator Leone, Representative Lemar, Senator Martin, Representative Devlin and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee:

My name is Ben Shaiken, Manager of Advocacy & Public Policy at the Connecticut Community Nonprofit Alliance (The Alliance). The Alliance is the statewide advocacy organization representing nonprofits, with a membership of more than 300 community organizations and associations. Nonprofits deliver essential services to more than half a million people each year and employ almost 14% of Connecticut's workforce.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of H.B. 6162 An Act Concerning the Fleet Registration of Motor Vehicles Owned by Nonprofit Organizations and Businesses.

H.B. 6162 would allow nonprofits to register five or more motor vehicles at a time at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Currently, nonprofits are required to register each vehicle individually.

Many nonprofits, especially human services providers, own large fleets of vehicles. As the service-system has evolved, nonprofits have led the way to providing services in community-integrated settings. People who receive services live and work in every community, requiring that nonprofits have fleets of passenger vehicles to transport people from where they live to where they work and receive services.

Nonprofits are already operating on nonexistent margins due to years of state budget cuts. At the same time, they increasingly face unnecessary administrative costs and burdens through interactions with state agencies. HB 6162 would reduce provide burdens and has the potential to save nonprofits money, allowing them to focus on the delivery of services as well as the safety of the people being transported and others.

We urge the Committee to support this bill. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

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