

## Public Input on next Chief State's Attorney

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Dear Connecticut Criminal Justice Commission,

I am emailing to provide public comment regarding the upcoming appointment of the next Connecticut Chief State's Attorney. I believe that whoever is appointed as the next Chief State's Attorney should be someone who will take seriously all traffic fatalities and injuries caused by motorist speeding, inattentiveness, carelessness, or recklessness. We need a chief states attorney (as well as other lower-level prosecutors) who will robustly enforce traffic safety laws and take steps to end traffic violence. This should also include the strengthening of the Vulnerable User law.

When one looks at the numbers, we can see that there is a silent epidemic of motor vehicle deaths and serious injuries occurring in the Connecticut as well as the United States. The number of motor vehicle deaths and serious injuries is large, particular compared to other industrialized nations. We need law enforcement and prosecutors to take this seriously, especially given the recent rises in traffic deaths nationwide involving pedestrians and non-motorists.

**People who drive a motor vehicle in a speeding, inattentive, careless, or reckless manner - particularly those who disobey the law (speed limits, traffic control devices, and so on) - need to be held accountable for their actions and need to be shown as examples to deter such behavior by other motorists.** Driving comes with the serious responsibility to do so in a law-abiding and safe manner so as to not cause harm to others. This is crucial for livability and safety of all people moving around our cities, towns and villages - especially those most vulnerable (not protected within the shell of a motor vehicle) - our children, parents, loved-ones, neighbors and friends largely on foot or riding a bicycle.

Sincerely,  
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