



**Facts Based OPED:
Connecticut Roadway's
Out of Control – Restore
Connecticut's Respect
Modify House Bill 6004.**

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Driving was much different not too long ago, and you didn't need to install outdoor camera to protect your vehicles from being broken into or stolen, bad legislation has led to more auto thefts, higher auto insurance and people taking advantage of our roadways, speeding, reckless driving, DUI's, no insurance, no registration, no license.

Our beautiful Merritt Parkway & Route 15 are the most abused roadways in Connecticut and possibly the country. Some basic rules, vehicles can't be over 24 ft. long, 7.6 ft. wide or 8 ft. high, no trailers, campers, box trucks, commercial plates and 18 wheelers.

Parents don't want their kids driving on the Merritt Parkway & Route 15, I have a video of a Prime 18-Wheeler heading south over the Sikorsky Bridge!

I noticed this spike early in 2023, since we have seen a 300% increase in unauthorized vehicles. I have filmed over 2500 very serious violations just on the Merritt Parkway & Route 15 over the course of 2 years, as well as violent speeders putting the public in harm's way, most of which are all available on our Instagram account @makeectbetter.

I want to first point out the signage is ok at best on Merritt Parkway & Route 15. We need signage like New York, which has large photos.

The number 1# offender is rental trucks/trailers with U-Haul being the worst followed by, Hertz, Enterprise, Budget, Penske. None of these companies provide safety literature on roadway safety.

Irene Haines, State Representative Republican Party has proposed the first common sense legislation "Super Speeder Legislation" back in December 2024.

This is a great start however we still need more state troopers to enforce.

We have two solutions to fixing this problem, watch some of our videos available to the public @MAKECTBETTER on Instagram:

1. Vote (YES) modify House Bill 6004 restore our states respect.
2. Increase the state police budget so they can hire enough troopers to fix this issue.

I have provided a link on our website to contact your legislator, tell them you don't feel safe on our highways, restore Connecticut respect.

The entire Bill should be repealed, however modifying is a start: Give qualified immunity back to police and let them search cars again and ask people for consent to search cars.