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Special Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

Testimony in opposition to HB 2014
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Thank you Chairman Longbine and members of the committee. Allstate Insurance is opposed to HB 2014 for several reasons.

I would like to begin by stating that Allstate rarely offers minimum coverage to policy holders. Most minimum coverage policies are sold on the internet and are usually purchased by people who simply cannot afford better auto insurance.

As most of you know, an increase in the minimum liability coverage limits will increase premiums. Although these increases would likely seem negligible to most drivers, low income households may see the higher premiums as unaffordable. Any premium increases whatsoever will cause some people to drop their insurance altogether and continue to drive their vehicles without coverage.

While it may appear to be within our financial interests to raise the limits, Allstate would much rather work with under-insured motorists than uninsured motorists. We believe that any increase in the number of uninsured motorists would be harmful to everyone on the road, as well as the insurance companies that represent them.

Thank you for allowing me to appear before you today. I would be happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.