

Testimony of Jim Russo, Past President of the Towing and
Recovery Professionals of Connecticut
On House Bill 6651
An Act Concerning The Rights And Responsibilities Of Towing Companies With Respect
To Motorized Personal Property

Good afternoon Senator DeFronzo, Representative Guerrera and members of the Transportation Committee. My name is Jim Russo, Past President of the Towing and Recovery Professionals of Connecticut (TRPC). I'm here to speak in support of House Bill 6651, An Act Concerning The Rights And Responsibilities Of Towing Companies With Respect To Motorized Personal Property.

When we talk about motorized personal property we are talking about dirt bikes, snowmobiles, pocket bikes and other vehicles that don't have to be registered with the DMV. We are frequently called upon by law enforcement and property owners to remove them from the roadside and from private property. Very rarely do we know the owner, and in most instances the property is never claimed.

As the law reads today, we have no ability to dispose of these items. They end up sitting in a pile on at our towing garages creating an eyesore and a potentially dangerous situation.

We welcome the opportunity to work with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to develop regulations to allow for disposal. We would recommend that, after holding the motorized personal property for a minimum of 90 days or such time when the storage costs exceed the value of the property, we be granted title and allowed to sell the item to recoup the cost of storage.

I thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.