

Statement of Dennis Raymond

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**Re: SB 1162: AN ACT CONCERNING THE FILING DEADLINE  
FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS**

Good morning. My name is Dennis Raymond, owner and president of Raymond Auto Repair LLC. I come before you today to tell you about my recent experience in the process of filing an application for a property tax exemption regarding the purchase of my new, commercial vehicle.

On July 12, 2010 I purchased a 2010 Peterbilt model number 388. The cost of this vehicle, with all modifications, totaled \$409,093. I was informed by the dealer that this vehicle would be 100% exempt for a period of five years. In January I received a letter from the assessor's office asking me to identify the modifications to the body of the vehicle for tax purposes. At that time I informed him that this vehicle is exempt in accordance with the Connecticut State Statute regarding newly registered motor vehicles. The Assessor than told me that he does not have an application for this vehicle on file and the deadline to receive the exemption for the 2009 Supplement list and the 2010 up-coming tax year has past. I was never informed by my dealer or the Department of Motor Vehicle that there was a time period on submitting this application to the Assessor.

Thank you and the committee for allowing me to testify. Without this exemption I cannot continue to create jobs for State of Connecticut and the Town of Franklin.

I would also like to thank Senator Edith Praque and First Selectmen Richard L Matters for all the help in this matter.