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Testimony HB 6150  
February 23, 2011

Dear Chairman Maynard and Chairman Guerrero and Committee Members,

Thank you for hearing HB 6150 An Act Increasing the Number of Digits and Letters on Motor Vehicle License Plates. I hope that you can support HB 6150 which I submitted to legislate a program that the DMV has been planning to accomplish next year. As you can see from the attached OFA memo, DMV is in agreement with the concept and it is expected to raise about \$5 Million for the State. This is a program that will give the State more flexibility in issuing license plates, allow residents more choice particularly as it concerns vanity plates, and raises much needed revenue. I thank you for your consideration and urge your support.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Baram".

David Baram  
State Representative

Representative Baram-

### **1. Allocation of Sales tax Revenue**

I have enclosed a town by town distribution of sales tax revenue based on population. The population estimates come from the Department of Public Health's annual estimates.

### **2. Increase of Number of License Plate Characters**

In a recent report issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles (required by PA 10-3, Section 21) an internal study by the department indicates the the increasing the creation of 7 character fields for licenses plates would generate greater demand for specialty plates and generate \$5 million in additional annual revenue. DMV is in the process of implementing a new integrated vehicle and license system that will allow for these types of customer enhancements. The system is anticipated to be fully operational by 2012.

I hope you find this information useful. Please contact me should you have any questions,

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