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*Testimony by Representative Jason Perillo
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On House Bill 6124
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I wish to express my support for H.B. 6124, AN ACT PROVIDING MUNICIPALITIES WITH ACCESS TO DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE RECORDS FOR TAXATION PURPOSES.

I have been contacted by both local assessors and the groups with which they contract that determining the proper home of vehicles for property taxation purposes can be quite difficult. What makes it more difficult is that the Department of Motor Vehicles has made it more difficult by not releasing its full registration lists to municipalities. While towns have been able to get lists of vehicles registered in their own towns, the Department of Motor Vehicles has resisted releasing the full state list of vehicles due to FOI concerns. Specifically, the Department of Motor Vehicles is protected from FOI requirements to release personal motor vehicle information in Section 14-10(f) of the CGS but local assessors are not. The below proposed language would extend the protection to local assessors and is my suggested language for the drafting of this bill:

Sec. 14-163., "Commissioner to furnish lists of motor vehicle and snowmobile owners to town assessors. (The commissioner shall compile information concerning motor vehicles and snowmobiles subject to property taxation pursuant to section 12-71 using the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles and information reported by owners of motor vehicles and snowmobiles. In addition to any other information the owner of a motor vehicle or snowmobile is required to file with the commissioner by law, such owner shall provide the commissioner with the name of the town in which such owner's motor vehicle or snowmobile is to be set in the list for property tax purposes, pursuant to section 12-71.

[On or before December 1, 2004, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall furnish to each assessor in this state a list identifying motor vehicles and snowmobiles that are subject to property taxation in each such assessor's town. Said list shall include the names and addresses of the owners of such motor vehicles and snowmobiles, together with the vehicle identification numbers for all such vehicles for which such numbers are available.] On or before December 1, 2009, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall furnish to each assessor in this state a list identifying motor vehicles and snowmobiles that are subject to property taxation in all Connecticut municipalities. Said motor vehicle list shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 1-210.

If adopted, this bill will enable municipalities to properly tax vehicles in their communities in a fair and informed manner and, just as importantly, will ensure that vehicle owners are not improperly taxed, which can be burdensome and unfair.

Sincerely,

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