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Transportation Committee  
Room 2300, Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

**Subject: Opposition to House Bill 5103, "An Act Requiring Annual Safety Inspections for All Motor Vehicles"**

Dear State Senator/Representative:

The Connecticut Council of Car Clubs (4C's) is an association of approximately 35 Connecticut Car Clubs that monitors legislation in the state. The 4C's membership also consists of approximately 50 individual members. The 4C's Board of Directors is comprised of volunteer automotive hobbyists.

The 4C's is opposed to House Bill 5103, which requires annual safety inspections for all motor vehicles.

First and foremost, the 4C's position is that any motor vehicle operated in the state should be maintained in a safe condition. This is not a point of contention. By requiring annual safety inspections on motor vehicles, the 4C's does not believe any significant safety benefit will be realized that will justify the additional burden imposed upon each and every motor vehicle owner in the state. The burden that would be imposed on the motor vehicle owner is not trivial. The costs of instituting a safety inspection program will most likely be offset by the currently unspecified annual motor vehicle inspection fee. This is not insignificant. Perhaps even more burdensome than the annual inspection fee is the amount of free time that motorists will lose while taking their motor vehicle to the inspection station. For the automotive hobbyists in the state, this burden is amplified, since not only will the motor vehicles we use as "daily drivers" require annual testing, but our hobbyist motor vehicles will require annual inspections as well. If a problem exists with unsafe motor vehicles operating in the state, we suspect it is limited to a very small fraction of those vehicles, and existing statutes and regulations provide an adequate means of enforcement. Increasing the burden on all motor vehicles owners in the state is not the solution, particularly considering the inevitable additional burden associated with increased taxes we will all be facing to resolve the state's budget crisis.

The 4C's respectfully requests that the Transportation Committee take no further action on House Bill 5103.

Very Truly Yours,

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