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Testimony of Department of Motor Vehicles

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H.B. No. 5333 (RAISED) An Act Concerning Organ And Tissue Donation Awareness, to increase education and awareness of organ and tissue donation.

Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, Senator Welch, Representative Perillo and other members of the Public Health Committee Committee. Thank your for the opportunity to provide comments on HB 5333, AN ACT CONCERNING ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AWARENESS.

The Department has always been supportive and will continue to be supportive of organ and tissue donation as we participate in the organ donor registry. We are very pleased to be involved in the organ donor registry effort and provide information on how to become an organ and tissue donor on DMV's website at www.ct.gov/dmv as well as in DMV's branches.

However, the Department of Motor Vehicles has several concerns regarding the sections of the bill requiring DMV to provide a check off box to allow for a voluntary \$2 contribution for customers who are obtaining a new motor vehicle registration or are renewing their registration. The two major concerns for the Department are the fiscal impact as well as the cost and delays to its IT modernization efforts called CIVLS (Connecticut Integrated Vehicle and Licensing System). Moreover, this contribution may give rise to other goodwill organizations that seek to utilize DMV's registration forms as an avenue to further their funding sources.

There would be a series of one-time fiscal impacts to DMV and recurring annual costs related to this proposal that would be fairly substantial. Those costs would include dealer on-line registration system changes, changes to its forms, bank lock box modifications, DMV system programming changes, and modifications to its Internet Registration Renewal Systems and the CIVLS system.

Further, and more important in many ways, is the severe negative impact this proposal would have on DMV's modernization project. The next and most significant phase of the project is already coded and ready to launch in the next couple of months and this proposal will cause lengthy delays as well as cost DMV substantial dollars resulting from change orders and related activities.

Of all state agencies, DMV has one of the most complex systems for the collection of revenues. The Department collects revenues for 7 state agencies into ten separate funds that are further allocated into more than forty revenue accounts. The added liability of an outside collection source to which we would be accountable to is not an insignificant burden.

The Department is also concerned that by requiring this check off box for voluntary donations for organ donation awareness funding would then create an incentive for other entities that advocate for various worthwhile causes to seek their own voluntary check off box on DMV motor vehicle registry forms.

Thank you again for allowing me to submit comments on this bill.