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Statement from Lewis Schatten, Owner, Cheap Auto Rental on raised bill #5458, an act concerning "municipal automated traffic enforcement safety devices at certain intersection."

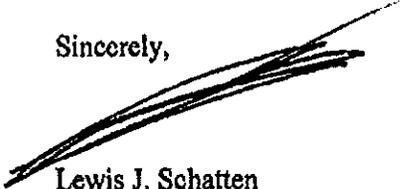
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen;

I am the owner of Cheap Auto Rental, an independent auto rental company native to Connecticut which employs sixteen people. I have a number of concerns about this bill impacting my business.

I am not opposed in any way to the basic substance of the bill. I would be happy to see less people running red lights. I do not feel that a rental or leasing company should be responsible for a moving violation committed by the operator of a rented or leased vehicle. I feel that the language relating to the defense against these violations listed in section (h) needs to be reviewed and revised. Section 2 limits the defense to rentals and leases of 60 days or less. Many rentals exceed 60 days in duration, particularly corporate rentals, and it would be a rare lease that would be of less than two years in duration. I would be happy if the section of the bill stating "*for a period of not more than sixty days*" be stricken. I also can see problems coming up due to the 45 day from the date of violation time frame that the bill allows for me to respond to the ticket. I have one municipality in Connecticut which we settle up parking tickets with on a bi-weekly basis, but they still regularly have tickets popping up from two or three years ago that have fallen through the cracks in their system. A time line of 45 days from the notification of the rental or leasing company should be more than adequate for us to respond.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this statement. Should you have any questions, I am always available at 203-530-5905.

Sincerely,



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Member/Manager