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To whom it may concern:

I am incredibly disappointed with the proposal of a mandatory safety inspection by the DMV for cars over 100,000 miles. This state already manages my automobile(s) in the following ways.

1. Emissions inspection every 2 years (20 dollars)
2. Registering my vehicle(s) every 2 years at the cost of 90 dollars regardless of whether I have moved or changed vehicles.
3. Personal property taxes on my vehicle(s) every year.
4. 25 cents per gallon on gas as well as the 7.2569% Gross Receipts tax applicable to gasoline only.

In a news report last night on FOX61, it was reported that in 2007 (OLR report), most accidents were caused by people and weather, not car malfunctions. Car malfunctions only were 1% of the problem. Representative Vicino was reported saying that "the report is outdated". I think he needs to focus on stronger punishments and fines for people who actually break the law by drunk driving, talking on cell phones, or texting on devices. Cars are built to last well over 100,000 miles when taken care of and I would feel punished by paying someone to look over my well maintained vehicles. This bill would clearly go after the middle class and poorer citizens who need to hold on to cars to stretch dollars. It is much easier to maintain a car than to buy a new one. This proposal would continue to micro manage the lives of the already overburdened and taxed citizens of this state.

Respectfully,

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