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AN ACT CONCERNING INSPECTIONS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES WITH OVER 100,000 MILES ON THE ODOMETER

I would like to thank State Representative Guerrera, Senator Maynard and the other members of the Transportation Committee for their time and attention today.

My name is State Representative Tom Vicino of the 35th District, representing the cities of Clinton, Killingworth and Westbrook.

I am here today to ask for your support for proposed Bill HB 6021, AN ACT CONCERNING INSPECTIONS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES WITH OVER 100,000 MILES ON THE ODOMETER.

As a business owner of an auto body shop for thirty years, and as a transportation professional who has seen the effects of unsafe driving habits, I have observed that older motor vehicles are especially hard to maintain in a safe manner.

When cars and light trucks reach and pass 100,000 miles of use, there are certain components that receive a great deal of wear and tear and are often neglected by the typical driver. These are as follows:

- Seat belts
- Horn
- Lights
- Wipers

I would propose that, during the time of any regular emissions test in the State of Connecticut, that these four items be added to the testing requirements.

Unlike every other state in New England -- Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware -- Connecticut currently requires no consideration of these items in its testing procedures.

For the sake of consumer safety, and to help ensure that older vehicles will not become dangerously unsafe, I would propose that this legislation be enacted.

Sincerely,

Thomas Vicino
State Representative