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**Testimony of Rep. Mary Mushinsky (85th) in Support of HB 6022, An Act Allowing
the Use of Three Wheeled Vehicles on Local Roads**

Before the Transportation Committee

Wednesday, February 20, 2013 10:30 a.m. in Room 2C

Thank you for hearing this bill. A constituent purchased a three-wheeled Cushman vehicle as a present for his father, who could no longer ride his motorcycle due to his age. My constituent was aware that there are at least two Cushman already registered in the state, and was certain his father would be able to use his gift. When the family approached DMV in Wethersfield to register the vehicle, they were denied on the basis the vehicle could not be registered in this state. I am submitting my constituent's photos of a previously registered Cushman located in the town of Clinton, along with proof of its registration. It is clear that some DMV offices allowed registration and some did not. The department has since decided that none of these vehicles should be registered.

Since the original complaint, I have seen another three-wheeled vehicle on Route 5 in Wallingford; it is an ice cream vendor. I was unable to photograph it due to driving in traffic. I would argue that these vehicles should be legal for local roads only. They offer more protection than a two-wheeled motorcycle and provide affordable transportation around town. If this is not possible, I ask the committee to at least allow the vehicles already in Connecticut to be registered. We appreciate any assistance the committee can provide.

Attachment: photos

**Testimony of Alva Warner of Wallingford in Support of HB 6022, An Act
Allowing the Use of Three Wheeled Vehicles on Local Roads**

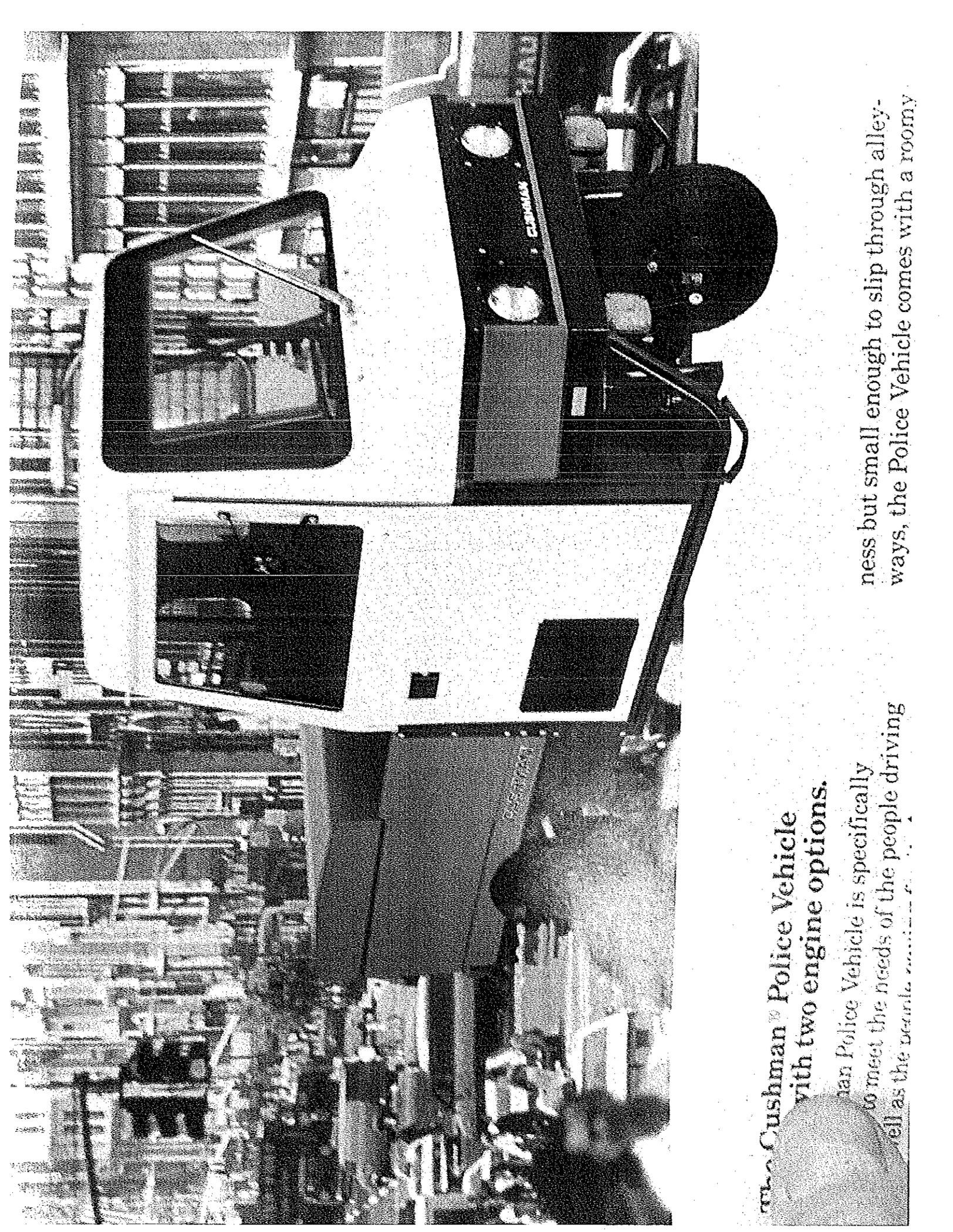
Before the Transportation Committee

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According to the DMV website, three-wheeled vehicles that have or are designed to have a driver's seat that is completely enclosed and a motor which is not in the enclosed area are not motorcycles under CT law, and may not be registered as motorcycles. According to my consultation with my attorney, the vehicle is legal because in order to be disqualified the vehicle needs **both** an enclosed driver seat and a motor not enclosed. My motor is in the cab and is enclosed, so one criteria for disqualification is not met.

I have already received a temporary motorcycle plate and registration and paid the sales tax at Hamden DMV office. Wethersfield DMV's Sargeant Green then refused to register the vehicle and tore up the papers. The machine qualifies as a motorcycle and should not be disqualified. The Cushman manufacturer in Middlefield, CT has a sticker on the vehicle that the machine is a motorcycle.

(photos are attached to Rep. Mushinsky's testimony)



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