

State of Connecticut  
Transportation Committee  
Public Hearing: February 20, 2013

Re: Proposed House Bill 5187: An Act Requiring Annual Safety Inspections for all Motor Vehicles.

Dear Committee Members:

I am OPPOSED to Proposed H.B. 5187. Vehicles today are better built and much safer than they were years ago. There are a tremendous amount of safety devices implemented in today's vehicles. Computerized systems with warning lights inform you almost immediately of a system malfunction.

The Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles already has an inspection process in place and I feel they will know when and if the process should be changed.

Traveling Connecticut's roads and highways on a daily basis I believe that most crashes are caused by: First, excessive speed; Second, reckless driving and Third, distracted driving.

All this safety inspection is going to do is burden Connecticut motor vehicle owners with more inconvenience and expense in my opinion. Many Connecticut motorists have secondary vehicles that only accrue a few miles in a year's time making it unnecessary for an annual inspection. Show us a demonstrable safety improvement by implementation of this program before you implement it. A study I suggest should be done compared to other states to see if a substantial improvement in safety has been achieved with a safety inspection. Finally, has the budget for the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles been substantially increased to do this study and implementation of this program during our tough economic times? Thank you.

Truly yours,  
Art Parent