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**DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**  
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***Testimony of Department of Motor Vehicles***

***Transportation Committee Public Hearing***  
***February 4, 2013***

Proposed H.B. No. 6016 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM CASHING ANY CHECK FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION.

Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, Senator Boucher, Representative Scribner and other members of the Transportation Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in opposition HB 6016, AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FROM CASHING ANY CHECK FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH REGISTRATION.

The Department of Motor Vehicles opposes this bill for several reasons.

First, please be aware that when a motor vehicle registrant receives his or her registration renewal certificate and notice in the mail, it states clearly on the registration certificate that the registration is "Valid only after resolving all compliance issues above." If there are any compliance issues that need to be resolved, such as local property taxes due on a vehicle, they are listed in bright red letters at the top of the notice detailing the respective outstanding issue(s). The top of the notice also contains a statement that the registrant must "Make sure you pay all local property taxes due and fulfill any requirements listed below." Other examples of compliance issues may be emissions testing that has not been performed on the vehicle or parking tickets that have not been paid.

When a motor vehicle customer renews his or her registration and sends in a payment through the mail, the payment is processed through DMV's automated lockbox system that deposits the funds upon receipt. The lockbox system does not determine whether a customer has any motor vehicle compliance issues to resolve before depositing the customer's funds. If registration payments were to be held or returned to customers until the unresolved compliance issues were addressed, there would be a substantial administrative and financial burden on DMV.

DMV can appreciate some customers' frustrations when their payment is deposited and they are informed that the registration will not be valid until their compliance issues are addressed. However, such information is stated plainly on each registration certificate mailed to each customer.

Finally, DMV is required to deposit checks within twenty four hours of receipt in accordance with section 4-32 of the Connecticut General Statutes, State Revenue Accounting.

Thank you again for allowing me to submit testimony in opposition to this bill.