



Connecticut Council of Car Clubs
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Planning and Development Committee
Room 2100, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Subject: **Support for Section 21 Paragraph (c) of Senate Bill 1, "An Act Concerning Tax Fairness and Economic Development."**

Dear State Senator/Representative:

The Connecticut Council of Car Clubs (4C's) is an association of approximately 35 Connecticut Car Clubs that monitors legislation in the state. We represent on the order of 2000 antique auto hobbyists in Connecticut. The 4C's Board of Directors is comprised of volunteer auto hobbyists.

The 4C's supports Section 21 Paragraph (c) of Senate Bill 1, "An Act Concerning Tax Fairness and Economic Development." Section 21 Paragraph (c) is a proposed new statute that relocates the existing limit on the maximum assessed value of an antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle from that currently contained in Subsection (b) of Section 12-71 of the general statutes.

We believe the provision regarding the maximum assessed value of an antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle is appropriate, and appreciate that the provision is being maintained in Senate Bill 1. Antique auto hobbyists in this state have modern motor vehicles that are used as primary transportation. These vehicles are subject to the same property taxes that everyone else in the state pays. Because of this, antique auto hobbyists are already paying their fair share of property taxes on motor vehicles. Antique motor vehicles are well-maintained, infrequently operated hobby cars and deserving of continued property tax benefits. Other hobbies, such as artwork, antique furniture, stamps, coins, rare books, home theater systems, jewelry, sports collectibles, etc. are not currently and should not be subject to taxation. As a hobby, antique motor vehicles should not be unfairly singled out for taxation.

Additionally, the antique auto hobbyist provides benefits to the community that many other hobbies don't provide. There are several car shows each weekend in the state throughout the late spring, summer, and early fall. These car shows occur in numerous municipalities throughout the state. These car shows benefit local charities and organizations. These shows result in significant revenues to these charities and organizations. In addition to car shows on the weekends, there are cruise nights in Connecticut on every weeknight the late spring, summer, and early fall throughout the state. These car shows and cruise nights result in increased spending at restaurants and local business in Connecticut, indirectly helping increase state revenues. Additionally, the antique auto hobby supports a substantial industry in the state that relies on the revenue generated by the restoration and maintenance of antique vehicles. These businesses create and maintain jobs throughout Connecticut.

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The 4C's respectfully requests that the Planning and Development Committee maintain the provision regarding the maximum assessed value of an antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle contained in Section 21 Paragraph (c) of Senate Bill 1.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David A. Bajumpaa".

Dave Bajumpaa
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