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Chairman Guerrera, Senator Boucher, Representative O'Dea and distinguished members of the Transportation Committee, my name is Mark Powers of Levin, Powers & Brennan LLC and on behalf of our client, Municipal Parking Services, Inc (MPS), I offer this testimony to you in support of **HB 6819, AAC Notice By Mail of Parking Tickets.**

As you can see from the bill and the existing statute within it, current law allows municipalities two options to serve a parking ticket upon a violator:

1.) "to be served personally upon the operator of a motor vehicle who is present at the time of service."
2.) "If the operator is not present, the notice shall be served upon the owner of the motor vehicle by affixing notice to said vehicle in a conspicuous place."

HB 6819 simply offers one additional option for serving notice:
By regular or certified mail to the registered owner of the vehicle

In addition, current statute already allows a municipality to mail a follow up notice of violation to the address of the owner of a leased or rented vehicle that has violated the parking rules of the municipality. So I would respectfully contend that there is precedent now for the mailing of such violations.

HB 6819 would **allow,** not require, a municipality to use this option to assist it to more efficiently serve parking tickets upon violators, which in turn would enhance compliance and increase revenue to participating towns and cities.

We would appreciate your consideration and ultimately your support of this proposal that gives this option to the towns and cities of Connecticut.

Thank you,

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